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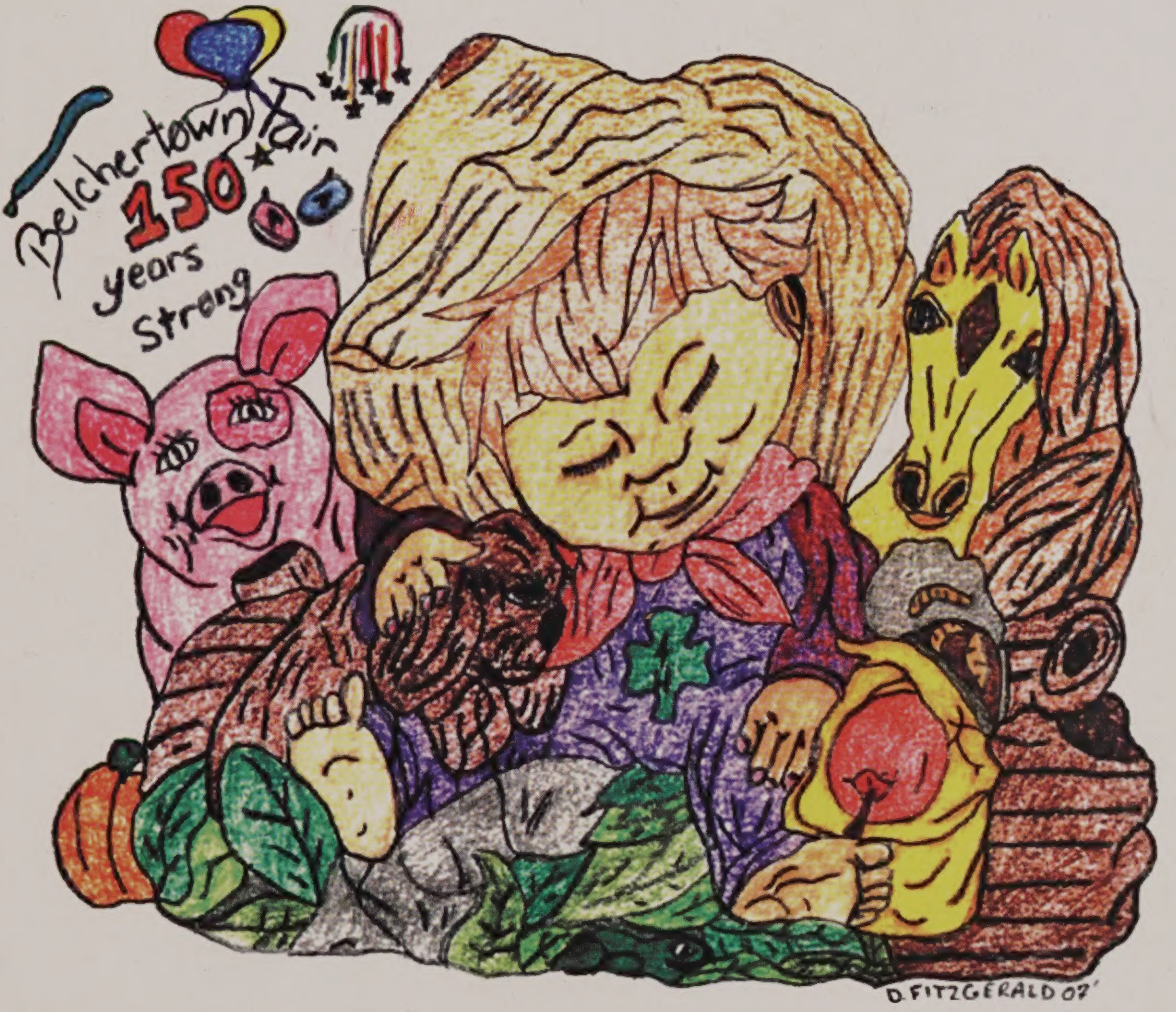
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2007 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano *(appt 9/24/07)*	5/2008
Ellen Weber *(appt 11/13/07)*	5/2008
Suzanne M. Bay *(resigned 10/15/07)*	5/2008
Linda E. Barron *(resigned 7/3/07)*	5/2008

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2010
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2009
Ann Austin Pratt	5/2008

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2009
Donald J. Pipczynski	5/2009
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2008
Donald L. Minney	5/2008
Bonnie R. Strickland	5/2007

Board of Assessors

Samuel J. Joyal	5/2010
William J. Huber	5/2009
Thomas A. Barry *(appt 3/20/07); (elected 5/21/07)*	5/2008
Brian J. Fitzpatrick *(resigned 1/29/2007)*	5/2008

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2010
Gary R. Racicot	5/2010
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2009
Kenneth Nolan	5/2008
Sean J. Cleary	5/2008

Housing Authority

James J. Gambaro	5/2011
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2010
Sally M. Dodge	5/2009
John Taras	5/2008
F. Knowlton Utley (State Mbr)	2/2007

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2008

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2008
Michael A. O'Connor	11/2010

Planning Board

George R. Synan	5/2010
James J. Natle	5/2009
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2011
Louis Faassen	5/2008
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2012

School Committee

Sharon D. Barnett	5/2009
Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/2009
Eric L. Weiss	5/2008
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2008
Beverly Phaneuf	5/2010

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2010
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2009
Alfred J. Roccanti	5/2010
James A. Barry	5/2008
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2009

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2009

2007 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon	6/30/10

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/08

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/12

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J, Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report

Agricultural Commission (All members appointed 4/10/2006)

Grace Adzima	6/30/08
Will Shattuck	6/30/08
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/10
Hope Guardenier	6/30/10
Jon Clements	6/30/09
Richard Reidy – Assoc Mbr	6/30/08
Alan Page – Assoc Mbr	6/30/08
Susan Gay – Assoc Mbr	6/30/08
Hillary Woodcock - Assoc Mbr *(resigned 8/28/06)*	6/30/07

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/08

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/08

Civil Defense Deputy Director

Mark S. Brouillette	6/30/08

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Plan Steering Committee (All members appointed 3/12/2007)

Linda LeDuc - Conservation Commission	Final Report
Ronald Aponte - Board of Selectmen	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa - Board of Health	Final Report
Chris Laurenzo – Planning Board	Final Report
Joe Clement – Agricultural Commission	Final Report
Woody Sherman - EDIC	Final Report
James Jackson – Police Department	Final Report
Terri Hazzard - At Large	Final Report
Judy Gillan - At Large	Final Report
Bernie Schliemann - At Large	Final Report

Community Preservation Committee

James Gambaro Housing Authority	6/30/10
Karen Schiffer Recreation Commission	6/30/08
James Natle Planning Board	6/30/08
Robert Rizzo Conservation Commission	6/30/09
Leslie Squires Historical Commission	6/30/09
Edwina Cruise - At Large Mbr	6/30/10
Cliff McCarthy - At Large Mbr	6/30/10
Ken Elstein - At Large Mbr	6/30/08
Betsy Loughran - At Large Mbr	6/30/09

Conservation Commission

Edward T. Knight	6/30/10
David M. Haines	6/30/09
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/09
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/08
John M. Clements	6/30/09
Linda Leduc *(appt 1/16/07)*	6/30/08
Larry Therrien *(appt 9/10/07)*	6/30/10
Richard Lanham – Associate Mbr. *(appt 12/3/07)*	6/30/08
Michael Cavatorta – Associate Mbr. *(appt 12/3/07)*	6/30/08
Kurt I. Nelson	6/30/07
Meagan Mazzarino *(resigned 7/3/07)*	6/30/10
Tracy L. Roth, Associate Mbr	6/30/07
Linda Leduc, Associate Mbr	6/30/07

Council on Aging

Josephine Fitzgerald	6/30/08
Joan Poole	6/30/08
William Cabral (appt 1/29/07)	6/30/09
Esther Pierce *(appt 1/29/07)*	6/30/09
Patricia M. Courtney *(resigned 1/8/07)*	6/30/07
Noreen Desroches *(resigned 6/12/07)*	6/30/07

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sharon Cady-Harrison	6/30/09
Sharon McCartney	6/30/08
Daniel Green *(appt 2/6/06)*	6/30/10
David Gottsegen	6/30/08
Sharon Marean	6/30/08
Cynthia L.O. Huss *(appt 11/5/07)*	6/30/09
Ljuba Marsh *(resigned 6/12/07)*	6/30/09
Allison Page *(resigned 12/26/07)*	6/30/08
Michael Ben-Chaim *(appt 2/6/06)*	6/30/07

DIF Committee

James Barry - Selectman
Gary Brougham – Town Administrator
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer
Douglas Albertson - Planner
John Whelihan – Assessor
Loy Harris-EDIC
Paul Silva – Finance Committee

Dog Control By-Law Review Committee

All members appointed 1/16/2007

Melissa Sam Caragulian	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa	Final Report
Jennifer Dier	Final Report
Janet Lindsey	Final Report
Jeffrey M. Rock *(appt 7/9/07)*	Final Report
Jeffrey G. Anliker *(appt 7/9/07)*	Final Report
Sally M. Dodge *(appt 7/9/07)*	Final Report
Lynne Coleman *(resigned 4/19/07)*	Final Report
Paul Nelson *(resigned 2/28/07)*	Final Report
Sherri Therrien *(resigned 4/3/07)*	Final Report

Animal Control Officer

Terri Hazzard	4/30/08

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton *(appt 6/25/07)*	4/30/08
Morten Hazzard *(appt 6/25/07)*	4/30/08
Jennifer Duhaime *(appt 6/25/07; (resigned 9/23/07)*	4/30/08
Nancy Perry (resigned 5/21/07)	4/30/08
Fred Davis	4/30/07

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Jonathan Spiegel At Large Seat	6/30/10
William A. Terry Government Seat	6/30/10
Richard Kump - Financial Seat	6/30/10
Kirk Stephens - At Large Seat	6/30/09
Lloyd C. Chadbourne Low Income Seat	6/30/08
Loy Harris - Industrial Seat	6/30/09
Richard Barry - Real Estate *(appt 8/20/07)*	6/30/08
Woody Sherman, Associate	6/30/08
George Synan, Associate	6/30/08
Richard Steiner-Real Estate Seat *(resigned 5/3/07)*	6/30/08

EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer - EMT- Paramedic

EMS Department

David Conkey - Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/08
Jonathan T. Smith – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
Richard Blomstrom – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
Wes Stevenson – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/08
Scott Kozak – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
Benjamin Saunders – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/08
Stuart Remensnyder – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/08
Jan Thornton – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/08
Randy Barnes – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/08
John Hawley - Part-Time EMT Intermediate	6/30/08
Stephen Kavanagh - Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/07
John A. Kennedy, III – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
Joan D'Ambrosia – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
John Lebrecque – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
Bruce Jenks - Call EMT Basic	6/30/07
Cristina Welch, Call EMT Basic	6/30/07

EMS Study Committee
Committee Disbanded 6/25/2007

Linda Tsoumas - Citizen At Large Seat	Final Report
Peg Louraine - Citizen At Large Seat	Final Report
Jeffrey T. Lavoie - Fire Service Seat	Final Report
Michael V. Greco - Fire Service Seat	Final Report
Dr. Charles E. Cavagnaro - Medical/Hospital Service	Final Report
Stephen Kavanaugh - EMS Service Seat	Final Report

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/08
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/08
Cindy Brown	6/30/08
Kevin Brown	6/30/08
Carla Chaisson	6/30/08
Kevin LaCroix	6/30/08
Mark Nute	6/30/08
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/08
Darlene Coulombe *(appt 11/13/07)*	6/30/08
Scott Brown – Associate Mbr	6/30/08
Sean Walker –Associate Mbr	6/30/08
Peg Louraine *(resigned 9/24/07)*	6/30/08

Belchertown Family Center

Richard Poissant	6/30/08
Lucy Klein	6/30/07
Amy Scott *(appt. 9/4/07)*	6/30/10
Angela Braese *(appt. 9/4/07)*	6/30/09
Stacy Stackhouse *(appt. 9/4/07)*	6/30/09

Finance Committee

David A. Reed	6/30/08
Paul M. Silva	6/30/09
Themis Tsoumas	6/30/09
Steven Rose	6/30/07
Linda Barron *(app.t6/12/07, effective 7/1/07*	6/30/10
Daniel P. Kloss	6/30/07

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire/ EMS Merger Study Committee

All members appointed 11/20/2006

Larry Therrien	Final Report
Mark Brouillette	Final Report
Michael Greco	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final report
David Auchter	Final Report
Jill Panto, Town Accountant	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/07

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/07
Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/07

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/07

Inspector of Animal

Gary Racicot	4/30/08

Historical Commission

Leslie Squires	6/30/08
F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/09
Sue Fulton	6/30/08
Alice M. Pelissier	6/30/08
Shannon Materka	6/30/10
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/09
Steven Cole	6/30/10
Judith Fuller Gillan - Associate Mbr	6/30/08
Erika A. Hamilton - Associate Mbr *(appt 7/23/07)*	6/30/08
Loy Harris - Associate Mbr	6/30/07

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/10
Denise Smith	6/30/09
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/08
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/09
Rob Condon-At Large	6/30/08

Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA)

Barry Crosby	6/30/08

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/08

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/08

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/07

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/07

Inspector of Wiring

Michael Staszko *(appt 10/22/07)*	6/30/08
Paul Choiniere	6/30/08

Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae	6/30/08

Personnel Board

Julie W. Peck	6/30/10
Sharon Riley	6/30/09
Jeanne L. Bell	6/30/08
Joseph Bernard*(appt 10/24/07)*	6/30/10
Don Freeman	6/30/08
Maureen A. Wildey	6/30/07
Kathleen Monast *(resigned 5/29/07)*	6/30/09

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Donald Pipczynski	6/30/08
Ron Akins *(appt 10/29/07)*	6/30/08

Police Candidate Review Committee

(all members appointed 5/29/2007)

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
John Drawec	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/08

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Bruce Jenks	6/30/08
David Conkey	6/30/08
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/08
William A. Panto	6/30/08

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Edward H. Oey	6/30/08
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/08
James Daniels	6/30/08
Valerie Cote	6/30/08
Adam Brougham	6/30/08
Neil Lozier	6/30/08
John Raymer	6/30/08
Jason Krol	6/30/08
Steven W. Henn, Jr	6/30/08
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/08
David Williams	6/30/08
Jason Christofori *(appt 8/20/07, eff. 8/23/07)*	6/30/08
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/07

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

John Bonafini	6/30/08
James Taylor	6/30/08
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/08
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/08
Linnea Lavoie-Bernard	6/30/08
Michael T. Roney, Jr.	6/30/08
Jason Christofori	6/30/08
Justin Hooten	6/30/08
Josh Dufresne	6/30/08
Michael J. Beaupre *(eff. 10/25/07)*	6/30/08
Matthew R. Benoit *(eff. 10/25/07)*	6/30/08
Jason Christofori *(see full-time Police Officer)*	6/30/08

Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report

Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/08
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/08
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/08

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Louis Faassen	6/30/07
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/08

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/08

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program (Belchertown Representative)

Gregory Galanek *(appt 4/23/07)*	6/30/08

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Rationing Board

Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/08
David H. Squires	6/30/07

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Recreation Commission

Kathleen Williams	6/30/10
Thomas P. Kubacki	6/30/10
Karen Schiffer	6/30/08
Edward Sokolowski	6/30/08
Scott Ingram	6/30/09
Lisa Gustafson *(appt 3/26/07)*	6/30/09
Kelly A. Harris *appt 9/5/07)*	6/30/10
Karen Corey – Associate Mbr *(appt 11/5/07)*	6/30/08
Megan Manitsas - Associate Mbr *(appt 11/5/07)*	6/30/08
Kathleen W. Scruton	6/30/07
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski	6/30/07
Thomas Barry *(appt 3/26/07; resigned 4/2/07)*	6/30/07
Thomas Brown – Associate Mbr *(resigned 4/3/07)*	6/30/07

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory) Regional Economic Development Commission – Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Gerald Grasso *(appt 9/24/07)*

Michael Reardon-Alternate Mbr *(appt 9/24/07)*

Registrars of Voters

Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/10
M. Florine Neggers	3/31/09
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/08
William R. Barnett	6/30/09

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury	3/31/07
Belchertown High School	

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	8/31/07

Deputy Clerk

John D. Burns	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct A

Elizabeth L. Leger (Warden) *(resigned 4/9/07)*	8/31/07
George R. Harrell (Clerk)	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane K. Ricchiazzi (Warden)	8/31/07
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge (Warden)	8/31/07
Kenneth W. Rhodes (Clerk)	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	8/31/07
Michael J. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/07

Rent Control Board

Steven Syriac	6/30/11
Simon James	6/30/09
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/07

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Richard Pazasis	6/30/08
Michael O'Connor	6/30/08
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/08
Keith Poulin	6/30/08
Simon R. James	6/30/08
Theresa Glanville	6/30/08
Sharon Barnett	6/30/08

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/08

Senior Center Building Committee

Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka	Final Report

Skate Park Committee

Patrick O'Connor *(appt 8/6/07)*	6/30/08
Thomas Brown *(appt 8/6/07)*	6/30/08
Melissa Brown *(appt 8/6/07)*	6/30/08
Matthew A. Sikes *(appt 9/24/07)*	6/30/08
Sandra Ely *(appt 9/24/07)*	6/30/08
Aubrey Menard – Associate Mbr	6/30/08
Ed Comeau – Associate Mbr *(appt 8/6/07)*	6/30/08
Deb Comeau – Associate Mbr *(appt 8/6/08)*	6/30/08
Ed Lofland – Associate Mbr *(appt 8/6/08)*	6/30/08
Steven M. Auclair –Associate Mbr *(appt 9/24/07)*	6/30/08
Karen Genereux	6/30/07
Susan J. Darmochwat	6/30/07
Matt Sikes	6/30/07
Audrey Miller – Associate Mbr	6/30/07

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/08

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson - Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham - Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly - Conservation Comm. (appt 5/23/07)	Final Report
John Whelihan - Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams – DPW	Final Report

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/08
James Burke	6/30/08
Christopher deHahn	6/30/08
Kristopher Pacunas	6/30/08
Joseph Gohra	6/30/08
Lew Louraine	6/30/08
Paul Nelson	6/30/08

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/08

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/10

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/08

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/08

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/08

Town Government Study Committee

Thomas Richards	Final Report
Andrew Todd Rome	Final Report
Elizabeth Wexford	Final Report
Betty Jean Jackson	Final Report
Lew Louraine	Final Report
Fran Carmody Freeman *(appt 11/27/06)*	Final Report
Beth Cohen *(appt 1/8/07)*	Final Report

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/12

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/12

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III *(appt 6/4/07)*	4/30/08
Robert C. Messier	4/30/07

Veterans' Services Study Committee
Committee Disbanded 6/25/2007

Gregory A. Galanek	Final Report
Janet Jourdain	Final Report
Vincent Viglione	Final Report
Esther Pierce	Final Report
Ed Lofland	Final Report

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III
Robert C. Messier

War Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/10
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/08
Edward T. Knight	6/30/09
F. Thomas Keefe	6/30/09
Leo Beauchemin	6/30/09
Susan Gay, Associate Member	6/30/08

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard G. Barry	6/30/10
Diane Loftus Mas	6/30/09
Raymond G. Goff	6/30/08

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/08
Bernadette Harrigan	6/30/08
Natalie Blais *(resigned 2/26/2007)*	6/30/07

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/08

Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board are:
Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman
Michael J. Reardon, Vice Chairman
Alfred J. Roccanti, Clerk
Gerald A. Grasso, Member
James A. Barry, Member

In Belchertown, 2007 was a year of relative financial stability, a year to prepare for the future and a year of reflection.

Considering the bleakness of the past several years, Belchertown enjoyed a solid if not spectacular year on the financial front. The stability was due in part to a healthy four percent increase in revenues. Much of this increase is directly attributable to additional State Aid. This is a welcomed change from previous years in which state funding was minimally increased and often decreased. Town revenues were further increased due to the efforts of the Collectors Office and other Town departments as they spearheaded an effort to obtain land from exceedingly delinquent taxpayers. These parcels, in turn, were sold in a highly successful auction that netted the Town over $400,000. Prudent management of expenses also helped provide a level of financial stability. This is exhibited in the electricity purchasing contract that the Town signed with the Hampshire Council of Governments as well as with the price protection contracts that the Town was able to secure with heating oil vendors. The electrical contract alone saved the Town over $100,000 while the heating oil contracts additionally saved tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

The importance of these astute financial measures was emphasized even more because of a slowing of the housing market that saw residential building permits reduced by nearly 50% from levels achieved just two years ago. This caused a significant reduction in the Town revenue realized through new housing growth. Fortunately, the impact of this region-wide market slowdown was mitigated by an increase in town business growth. An example of this business growth can be seen in the new Eastern Hampshire County Courthouse that was completed and readied for business by the end of the year. A complementary project that broke ground late in the year is the Eastern Hampshire County Correctional Offices. These projects and others will provide an economic spin-off that will augment Belchertown's future financial condition above and beyond the property taxes that they generate.

Unfortunately, not all business ventures were successful. The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation's (EDIC) efforts to develop the largest parcel of the former State School land encountered a setback when its preferred developer, Bridgeland Development, defaulted on a deposit check that was an instrumental aspect of the parcel's purchase and sale agreement. Not to be deterred, the EDIC has pledged to follow up on promising leads that were developed during the ill-fated relationship with Bridgeland. Fortunately, the development of another former State School parcel was furthered as three additional business ventures were consummated for the property located at the Routes 21 and 202 intersection.

Even with the increase in revenues and shrewd expense management, a Stabilization Fund "loan" in the amount of $123,000 was needed to balance a budget that approached level services from the previous year. Prudently, this loan is scheduled to be repaid to the Stabilization Fund in early January 2008.

Realizing that a period of relative financial stability was upon us, the Board boldly decided to attempt to remedy the detrimental effects of past budget constraints and cuts. Despite unprecedented growth in past years, departmental headcounts were rarely increased and capital assets were rarely replaced. This stretched resources to the breaking point in some areas and quality of service was at risk of being compromised. The Board was determined to avoid this unacceptable outcome. As a result, two temporary positions at the overburdened DPW were extended to full-time positions. Additionally, the Board recognized that in this time of war and increasing demands upon our veterans, it was time to employ a professional full-time Veterans' Service Agent. As a result, Ray Janke was hired in July. The Board also decided to ask the Town's taxpayers if they were willing to pay additional taxes to fund several large-scale capital projects. The result was a menu of three "debt exclusion" ballot questions to be voted upon at the May town elections. However, the taxpayers agreed to fund only the question that addressed the replacement of the Chestnut Hill Community School roof and the purchase of a new fire engine/pumper for the Fire Department.

The community, both public and private entities, was also able to address several important projects via the initial Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding cycle. After a rigorous application and approval process managed by the CPA Committee and voted upon by Town Meeting, 13 projects ranging from window replacements at the historic Stone House Museum to fencing installation at the Munsell, Dwight and Liberty cemeteries to the construction of a new playground at the Swift River School to the purchase and preservation of 60 acres of land known as the Scarborough Brook Recreation area were initiated. Another community-related task that was completed in 2007 was a five-year contract with town cable provider Charter Communications. This was possible in large part to the hard work and determination of the Telecommunication Advisory Committee. The contract ensures favorable cable conditions for subscribers, discounts for the elderly and disabled and $150,000 for the upgrade of Belchertown Community Television equipment as well as the Town's computer infrastructure equipment.

While many projects with an eye on the future were initiated and/or completed during the year, 2007 was also a year of reflection for Belchertown. One event that caused all citizens to reflect joyfully upon the past was the 150th Annual Belchertown Fair. While this year's Fair contained all the favorites of past fairs such as the parade, the Exhibition Hall exhibits, the shows, the rides and the wonderful array of local food booths, it also presented a top notched fireworks display that left everyone clamoring for more. Unfortunately, there were also more somber moments of reflection as Belchertown saw Kevin Brown a dedicated DPW employee and tireless Fair Committee member forced into retirement for health reasons. There was also the passing of long-time policeman Detective Kevin Truehart, Conservation Commission member Pat Lund, Council on Aging member William Cabral and Recreation Department associate Barbara Lee. While not a Town employee, the passing of Belchertown's most recognized and most dignified soldier, Ed Lofland, will surely diminish the ceremony of all future veteran-related events.

Any summary of 2007 would not be complete without mentioning the loss of one of Belchertown's military sons. While the War on Terror seems in many ways to be a distant and far off conflict that doesn't directly affect much of the Town on a daily basis, this misconception was shattered at the news of Specialist Kenneth Iwasinski's tragic death on the battlefield in Iraq. Specialist Iwasinski chose to be interred in his adopted hometown of Belchertown and the Town chose to honor her courageous son in the most honored and heart-felt manner possible. In a phenomenal display of dedication and teamwork, several Town departments and organizations in combination with the Army arranged a memorial service for Specialist Iwasinski that was both grand and solemn. From the overflowing Belchertown High School Veterans' Memorial Auditorium to the citizen-lined streets in Town, Belchertown showed its mournful respect, support, admiration and pride on a crisp autumn day when even the Heavens wept.

One personal moment of reflection occurred just after the completion of Specialist Iwasinski's ceremony. Upon approaching Mr. and Mrs. Iwasinski to offer my personal condolences, they both hugged me and thanked me on behalf of the Town for all the effort that went into arranging their son's ceremony and all the support that the Town had provided them in their hour of need. They explained that the Town's efforts had helped assuage their grief and allowed them to cope with their devastating loss. At that moment, I have never been so proud of my colleagues, my fellow Town associates and my Town. At that moment, I realized how blessed I was to be an American living in Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The offices of the Town Administrator's and Board of Selectmen are located in The Finnerty House at One South Main Street. Belchertown's form of government obligates the Board of Selectmen to establish policy and procedure; the Town Administrator serves as the day-to-day operations manager. On a regular basis this office is responsible for all aspects of the Town's operational needs.

Over the past year little has changed on the operational level. Budgets remain tight; consequently, little new staff or expansion of services has been possible. One exception to this activity, however, was the expansion of our Veterans' Agent position from part-time to full-time. This expansion was initially requested by a citizen's petition. It was thoroughly evaluated and determined to be necessary in order to serve Belchertown's veterans and/or their families. As a result, Mr. Raymond Janke was appointed to this position, effective July 1, 2007.

For the second consecutive year new home starts were considerably less than the numbers we grew accustomed to in the past. This trend is consistent with other area municipalities and/or the entire region and will likely not recover in the foreseeable future. In spite of this, we have experienced a modest increase in business development. I do expect this to continue and welcome the expansion of our local services and additional revenue these business investments will provide our town.

On or about November 1, 2007, the Massachusetts Trial Court began operations at the new Eastern Hampshire County Courthouse at 205 State Street. This multi-million dollar facility was developed by a private developer and is subject to a multi-year lease by the Court. As a result, Belchertown will benefit from the real estate tax and economic benefits from this development. A second facility, intended to be occupied by additional court personnel and the Hampshire County Sheriff's office, is under construction directly adjacent to the Courthouse. A private developer is also constructing this facility; consequently, the Town will once again benefit.

We are also in possession of several other applications or site plans for projects to include but not limited to a tractor supply store, Grand Lumber Home Center, Pride Gas Station and Convenience Store, Stop & Shop Gas Station, and a new location for Quabbin Service Center. Collectively, all of these initiatives will provide revenue and service to Belchertown.

As always, the residents of our town had the opportunity to enjoy and/or participate in a number of community events throughout the year. Although far too numerous to name them all, the Community Band concerts, Farmers Market, antique farm machinery and car show, book sales, craft fairs, holiday events and Belchertown Fair were all very popular in the community.

The Fair Committee exercised special effort to commemorate this 150th anniversary event by including an outstanding fireworks display to begin what turned out to be a spectacular 3-day event. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all who planned, donated to, assisted before, during or after the event, or contributed in any other way.

In addition, I would like to personally thank the many volunteers, appointed committee and board members, elected officers and dedicated employees of our town for their ongoing efforts. Collectively, these are the individuals who continue to make Belchertown the great community it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during his or her term. The Board of Selectmen, other Town officers or other boards do not govern the Committee.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews Warrant Articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting. For fiscal year 2008, the Reserve Fund was funded at $30,000.

For fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) the Town appropriated, through Annual Town Meeting, a total operating budget of $39,796,002. This amount represents a $1,585,483 (4.15%) increase over the fiscal year 2007 budget. The table below summarizes the changes in funding for the Town accounts. Accounts not mentioned are level funded for fiscal year 2008.

DEPARTMENT	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHANGE
Town Schools	+$829,588	+3.9
Pathfinder Assessment	+$73,991	+10.4
General Government	+$78,616	+5.4
Public Safety Dept.'s	+$213,159	+8.7
DPW Highways	+$42,493	+3.9
DPW Sewer & Landfill	+$92,583	+5.6
Council of Government	+$0.00	0.0
Human Services	+$61,376	+12.0
Culture & Recreation	+$39,670	+6.5
DPW Bldgs & Grounds	-$7,132	-1.2
Pensions, Insurance	+$269,720	+7.4
Unclassified	-800	-.4
Interest, Debt	-$31,291	-08

The projected FY2008 revenues are up 4% from FY2007 reflecting a 4% increase in local receipts, a 5% increase in real estate tax assessments and a 5% increase in State aid. Unfortunately, this level of increase did not allow the Town to put forth a balanced budget without relying upon a loan of $123,000 from the Town's Stabilization Fund to be repaid from FY2008 Free Cash when it is certified in the fall. The balance of the Town's Stabilization Fund was $822,119 on December 31, 2007.

Of the $1,585,483 increase in revenues, pension and insurance costs for the Town's schools and General Government increased by $508,386. The remainder of the increased revenues were largely used to fund cost of living wage increases. The Town chose to attempt to fund much needed capital improvements through 3 separate ballot questions, only one of which passed, leaving most of these capital projects unfunded for FY2008. Consequently, the Town **still** needs to develop an approach in FY2009 to fund capital repairs and additions.

The Finance Committee is committed to act responsibly and examine each request made in the Department budgets, which comprise the overall operating budget for the Town. We are also committed to advising the Town Meeting on any capital appropriation in a manner that has reviewed factors including cost efficiency, cost savings and increased service, which will benefit the residents of Belchertown. We are in a position to work collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee during the annual budget process and as needs arise during the fiscal year with the common goal of providing quality services and maintaining prudent financial decision-making. It is with these things in mind that the Finance Committee exercises its responsibility to advise Town Meeting on matters which impact the amount of tax dollars paid by the residents and homeowners of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee
David Reed, Chairman
Daniel Kloss, Vice Chairman
Themis Tsoumas, Clerk
Steven Rose
Paul Silva

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2007

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	2,847,831.43	2,295,775.85	105,134.16	318,287.29	116,997.29	2,100,282.65		7,784,308.67
Petty Cash Advance	0.00	3,916.00						3,916.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	466,066.75							466,066.75
Chapter 61	55,515.67							55,515.67
Excise Taxes	264,290.24							264,290.24
Tax Liens	592,357.02			5,841.75				598,198.77
Special Assessments	88,004.42			3,887,751.14				3,975,755.56
Departmental	308,563.88			234,013.02				542,576.90
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(245,223.92)							(245,223.92)
Tax Foreclosures	198,671.56							198,671.56
Lieu Taxes	26,147.13							26,147.13
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,948.45						3,948.45
Due From Other Governments	102,347.58	680,941.85						783,289.43
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	318,000.00	458,000.00	150,000.00					926,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							43,160,066.07	43,160,066.07
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							171,093.00	171,093.00
Total Assets	5,022,571.76	3,442,582.15	255,134.16	4,445,893.20	116,997.29	2,100,282.65	43,331,159.07	58,714,620.28

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2007

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	1,725,204.33	250,584.87	2,294.00	40,273.40	2,586.00	4,206.59		2,025,149.19
Employee Withholdings	231,007.75	4,600.00						235,607.75
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	75,445.71							75,445.71
Chapter 61	55,515.67							55,515.67
Excise Taxes	264,290.24							264,290.24
Tax Liens	592,357.02			5,841.75				598,198.77
Special Assessments	88,004.42			3,887,751.14				3,975,755.56
Lieu Taxes	26,147.13							26,147.13
Departmental	308,563.88			234,013.02				542,576.90
Tax Foreclosures	198,671.56							198,671.56
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,346.53						
Government Receivable	102,347.58	313,741.85						416,089.43
Grant Receivable		367,200.00						367,200.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	318,000.00	458,000.00	150,000.00					926,000.00
Early Payment of 2008 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	36,597.12	601.92						37,199.04
Unclaimed Checks	13,316.14							13,316.14
Excess on Land of Low Value	41,233.61							41,233.61
Bond Indebtedness							43,160,066.07	43,160,066.07
Compensated Absences							171,093.00	171,093.00
Total Liabilities	4,076,702.16	1,398,075.17	152,294.00	4,167,879.31	2,586.00	4,206.59	43,331,159.07	53,132,902.30
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	33,372.99			0.00				33,372.99
Reserve for Expenditures				135,407.00	87,364.00			222,771.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	912,496.61							912,496.61
Reserved Fund Balance		1,988,057.53	102,840.16	142,606.89	27,047.29	2,096,076.06		4,356,627.93
Title V Septic System Loan		56,449.45						56,449.45
Total Fund Equity	945,869.60	2,044,506.98	102,840.16	278,013.89	114,411.29	2,096,076.06	0.00	5,581,717.98
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	5,022,571.76	3,442,582.15	255,134.16	4,445,893.20	116,997.29	2,100,282.65	43,331,159.07	58,714,620.28

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

ASSETS		
Cash		2,847,831.43
Petty Cash Advance		0.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	466,066.75	
Chapter 61	55,515.67	
Excise Taxes	264,290.24	
Tax Liens	592,357.02	
Special Assessments	88,004.42	
Lieu Taxes	26,147.13	
Departmental	308,563.88	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	102,347.58	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(245,223.92)	
		1,658,068.77
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		318,000.00
Tax Foreclosure		198,671.56
Total Assets		5,022,571.76
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		1,725,204.33
Employee Withholdings		231,007.75
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	75,445.71	
Chapter 61	55,515.67	
Excise Taxes	264,290.24	
Tax Liens	592,357.02	
Special Assessments	88,004.42	
Lieu Taxes	26,147.13	
Departmental	308,563.88	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	102,347.58	
Tax Foreclosures	198,671.56	
		1,711,343.21
BANS Payable		318,000.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		41,233.61
Early Payment of 2008 Property Tax		36,597.12
Unclaimed Checks		13,316.14
Total Liabilities		4,076,702.16
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		0.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		33,372.99
Unreserved Fund Balance		912,496.61
Total Fund Equity		945,869.60
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		5,022,571.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

			GRANTS			School			Totals
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Fund	(Memo Only)
ASSETS									
Cash	438,233.78	(118,218.78)	93,990.93	169,653.78	111,072.56	144,118.51	1,151,616.00	305,309.07	2,295,775.85
Petty Cash Advance							3,916.00		3,916.00
Due From Commonwealth		312,678.80		367,200.00					679,878.80
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable				458,000.00					458,000.00
Surcharge Receivable	3,948.45								3,948.45
Due from Federal Government							1,063.05		1,063.05
Total Assets	442,182.23	194,460.02	93,990.93	994,853.78	111,072.56	144,118.51	1,156,595.05	305,309.07	3,442,582.15
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable	1,488.00	0.00	81,428.66	31,067.20	11,731.42	50,220.74	35,292.60	39,356.25	250,584.87
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		312,678.80					1,063.05		313,741.85
Employee Withholdings								4,600.00	4,600.00
Bond Anticipation Note				458,000.00					458,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	3,346.53								3,346.53
Early pmt of '08 CPA Surcarge	601.92								601.92
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable				367,200.00					367,200.00
Total Liabilities	5,436.45	312,678.80	81,428.66	856,267.20	11,731.42	50,220.74	36,355.65	43,956.25	1,398,075.17
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	407,800.88	(118,218.78)	12,562.27	138,586.58	99,341.14	93,897.77	1,063,789.95	261,352.82	1,959,112.63
Reserve for Open Space	48.30								48.30
Reserve for Historic Resources	14,448.30								14,448.30
Reserve for Community Housing	14,448.30								14,448.30
Title V Septic System Loan							56,449.45		56,449.45
Total Fund Equity	436,745.78	(118,218.78)	12,562.27	138,586.58	99,341.14	93,897.77	1,120,239.40	261,352.82	2,044,506.98
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	442,182.23	194,460.02	93,990.93	994,853.78	111,072.56	144,118.51	1,156,595.05	305,309.07	3,442,582.15

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	10,520.66	94,613.50	0.00	105,134.16
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		150,000.00		150,000.00
Total Assets	10,520.66	244,613.50	0.00	255,134.16
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	2,294.00	0.00	2,294.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00		0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		150,000.00		150,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payab		0.00		0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	152,294.00	0.00	152,294.00
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	10,520.66	92,319.50	0.00	102,840.16
Total Fund Equity	10,520.66	92,319.50	0.00	102,840.16
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	10,520.66	244,613.50	0.00	255,134.16

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

ASSETS		
Cash		318,287.29
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	5,841.75	
Sewer User Fees	234,013.02	
Assessments	3,887,751.14	
Due from Tax Liens - Sewer	0.00	
		4,127,605.91
Total Assets		4,445,893.20
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		40,273.40
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	5,841.75	
Sewer User Fees	234,013.02	
Assessments	3,887,751.14	
Tax Liens - Sewer	0.00	
		4,127,605.91
Total Liabilities		4,167,879.31
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		135,407.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		0.00
Retained Earnings		142,606.89
Total Fund Equity		278,013.89
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		4,445,893.20

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Cash	116,997.29
Total Assets	116,997.29
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	2,586.00
Total Liabilities	2,586.00
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	87,364.00
Retained Earnings	27,047.29
Total Fund Equity	114,411.29
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	116,997.29

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Cash	750,881.43
Total Assets	750,881.43
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	750,881.43
Total Fund Balance	750,881.43
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	750,881.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Cash	1,349,401.22
Total Assets	1,349,401.22
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	4,206.59
Total Liabilities	4,206.59
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	1,345,194.63
Total Fund Equity	1,345,194.63
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,349,401.22

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rc MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	FmHA USDA Pine Valley Springfield Rd	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	24,250,000.00	216,000.00	1,225,000.00	4,390,000.00	5,582,800.00	361,805.00	430,682.00	911,340.00	7,252.43	54,162.67	605,000.00	1,656,115.00	3,469,908.97			43,160,066.07
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence														44,627.96	126,465.04	171,093.00
Total Assets	24,250,000.00	216,000.00	1,225,000.00	4,390,000.00	5,582,800.00	361,805.00	430,682.00	911,340.00	7,252.43	54,162.67	605,000.00	1,656,115.00	3,469,908.97	44,627.96	126,465.04	43,331,159.07
LIABILITIES																
Bond Indebtedness	24,250,000.00	216,000.00	1,225,000.00	4,390,000.00	5,582,800.00	361,805.00	430,682.00	911,340.00	7,252.43	54,162.67	605,000.00	1,656,115.00	3,469,908.97			43,160,066.07
Compensated Absences														44,627.96	126,465.04	171,093.00
Total Liabilities	24,250,000.00	216,000.00	1,225,000.00	4,390,000.00	5,582,800.00	361,805.00	430,682.00	911,340.00	7,252.43	54,162.67	605,000.00	1,656,115.00	3,469,908.97	44,627.96	126,465.04	43,331,159.07

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	17,525,011.43						17,525,011.43
State Receipts	15,331,736.22						15,331,736.22
Excise Taxes	1,462,741.95						1,462,741.95
Tax Liens	106,197.68						106,197.68
Lieu Taxes	175,234.03						175,234.03
Licenses & Permits	234,009.00						234,009.00
Special Assessments	21,171.00						21,171.00
Interest	303,650.99	28,646.98		5,509.29		78,106.97	415,914.23
Fines & Forfeits	61,786.00						61,786.00
Departmental Revenue	371,240.59	2,688,866.00		1,160,486.34	258,671.80		4,479,264.73
Fees	68,473.25						68,473.25
Rentals	64,401.59						64,401.59
Umass Transit	32,422.00						32,422.00
Other Miscellaneous	408,200.57	309,014.70					717,215.27
Grants		2,627,808.11					2,627,808.11
Performance Guarantees		6,500.00					6,500.00
Gifts		296,652.71					296,652.71
Temporary Loans	345,000.00	475,000.00	150,000.00				970,000.00
MWPAT							0.00
Bond Proceeds							0.00
Total Revenues	36,511,276.30	6,432,488.50	150,000.00	1,165,995.63	258,671.80	78,106.97	44,596,539.20
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,454,596.58	931,087.43					2,385,684.01
Protection of Persons & Property	2,512,415.09	187,601.91					2,700,017.00
Education	22,007,071.18	3,165,047.87					25,172,119.05
Public Works	1,701,261.92	738,415.36		586,942.61	305,629.70		3,332,249.59
Human Services	592,076.39	263,744.45	5,738.05			25,264.47	886,823.36
Culture & Recreation	608,292.90	295,146.85					903,439.75

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	2,845,349.96						2,845,349.96
Debt & Interest	3,774,437.71			760,987.44			4,535,425.15
State Assessments	656,895.00						656,895.00
Prior Year Expenditures	329,056.43			949.30			330,005.73
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			143,860.41				143,860.41
Equipment			39,190.54				39,190.54
Return of Unexpended Funds			0.00				0.00
Temporary Loan	135,000.00	85,000.00					220,000.00
Total Expenditures	36,616,453.16	5,666,043.87	188,789.00	1,348,879.35	305,629.70	25,264.47	44,151,059.55
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(105,176.86)	766,444.63	(38,789.00)	(182,883.72)	(46,957.90)	52,842.50	445,479.65
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	469,031.30	418,044.13	0.00	137,019.00	0.00	335,860.00	1,359,954.43
Operating Transfers Out	472,879.00	887,075.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,359,954.43
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,847.70)	(469,031.30)	0.00	137,019.00	0.00	335,860.00	(0.00)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(109,024.56)	297,413.33	(38,789.00)	(45,864.72)	(46,957.90)	388,702.50	445,479.65
Audit Adjustment	(8,013.70)						(8,013.70)
Fund Balance 7-1-06	1,062,907.86	1,747,777.65	141,629.16	323,878.61	161,369.19	949,237.65	4,386,800.12
Fund Balance 6-30-07	945,869.60	2,045,190.98	102,840.16	278,013.89	114,411.29	1,337,940.15	4,824,266.07

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	17,503,180.78	17,525,011.43	21,830.65
State Receipts	15,350,031.00	15,331,736.22	(18,294.78)
Excise Taxes	1,601,500.00	1,462,741.95	(138,758.05)
Tax Liens	0.00	106,197.68	106,197.68
Lieu Taxes	196,000.00	175,234.03	(20,765.97)
Licenses & Permits	211,775.00	234,009.00	22,234.00
Special Assessments	18,363.00	21,171.00	2,808.00
Interest	350,000.00	303,650.99	(46,349.01)
Fines & Forfeits	61,000.00	61,786.00	786.00
Departmental Revenue	317,500.00	371,240.59	53,740.59
Fees	72,100.00	68,473.25	(3,626.75)
Rentals	68,000.00	64,401.59	(3,598.41)
Umass Transit	30,700.00	32,422.00	1,722.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	408,200.57	408,200.57
Temporary Loans	0.00	345,000.00	345,000.00
Total Revenues	35,780,149.78	36,511,276.30	731,126.52
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,468,441.20	1,454,596.58	13,844.62
Protection of Persons & Property	2,555,311.00	2,512,415.09	42,895.91
Education	22,020,307.00	22,007,071.18	13,235.82
Public Works	1,728,966.00	1,701,261.92	27,704.08
Human Services	611,398.58	592,076.39	19,322.19
Culture & Recreation	610,016.00	608,292.90	1,723.10
Insurance & Unclassified	2,860,636.48	2,845,349.96	15,286.52
Debt & Interest	3,778,763.00	3,774,437.71	4,325.29
State Assessments	589,215.00	656,895.00	(67,680.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	334,874.11	329,056.43	5,817.68
Temporary Loans	0.00	135,000.00	(135,000.00)
Total Expenditures	36,557,928.37	36,616,453.16	(58,524.79)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(105,176.86)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	559,000.00	469,031.30	
Operating Transfers Out	472,879.00	472,879.00	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	86,121.00	(3,847.70)	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		(109,024.56)	
Audit Adjustments		(8,013.70)	
Fund Balance 7/1/06		1,062,907.86	
Fund Balance 6/30/07		945,869.60	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY08
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	$25.00	$25.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$18,566.00	$18,521.99	$44.01	
Town Administrator	$168,773.00	$168,752.98	$20.02	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,500.00	$1,243.83	$256.17	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$190.00	$60.00	
Reserve Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00 *	
Town Accountant	$158,680.00	$158,273.55	$406.45	
MIS Director	$229,406.00	$227,830.15	$1,575.85	
Assessors	$259,418.00	$254,969.14	$4,448.86	$20.00
Treasurer/Collector	$244,375.00	$243,199.17	$1,175.83	
Law Account	$105,300.00	$105,252.48	$47.52	
Town Clerk	$92,401.00	$91,961.22	$439.78	
Election & Registration	$27,670.00	$25,602.02	$2,067.98	
Conservation Commission	$66,330.00	$66,327.84	$2.16	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,945.20	$1,945.20	$0.00	
Planning Board	$86,607.00	$85,768.10	$838.90	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00	$1,689.29	$1,005.71	
EDIC	$300.00	$268.32	$31.68	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Printing Town Report	$4,000.00	$2,776.30	$1,223.70	
	$1,468,441.20	$1,454,596.58	$13,844.62	$20.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$1,580,785.00	$1,547,594.10	$33,190.90	$22,830.67
Fire Department	$297,344.00	$296,979.04	$364.96	
Hydrant Service	$23,315.00	$23,314.40	$0.60	
EMS	$494,916.00	$493,331.21	$1,584.79	
Injured on Duty	$2,500.00	$0.00	$2,500.00	
Inspection Services	$122,931.00	$121,826.51	$1,104.49	
Civil Defense	$1,520.00	$1,501.14	$18.86	
Dog Officer	$32,000.00	$27,868.69	$4,131.31	$34.12
	$2,555,311.00	$2,512,415.09	$42,895.91	$22,864.79
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$21,306,274.00	$21,293,038.18	$13,235.82	$8,216.55
Regional School	$714,033.00	$714,033.00	$0.00	
	$22,020,307.00	$22,007,071.18	$13,235.82	$8,216.55

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY08
PUBLIC WORKS				
Personal Services	$579,202.00	$574,860.06	$4,341.94	$205.96
Professional Engineering	$15,000.00	$14,722.13	$277.87	
Administration	$8,450.00	$7,633.45	$816.55	
Snow & Ice Control	$161,500.00	$161,431.97	$68.03	
Street Lighting	$34,095.00	$31,623.75	$2,471.25	
Road Machinery	$112,900.00	$112,433.59	$466.41	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$79,726.00	$79,406.71	$319.29	
Town Garage	$25,475.00	$25,094.69	$380.31	
Hired Services	$94,000.00	$93,722.08	$277.92	
Maintenance/Grounds	$324,595.00	$321,225.29	$3,369.71	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$55,120.00	$54,914.01	$205.99	
Finnerty House	$7,107.00	$6,016.92	$1,090.08	
EMS Building	$11,758.00	$10,649.76	$1,108.24	
Police Station	$44,116.00	$43,942.02	$173.98	
Senior Center Building	$39,910.00	$38,156.11	$1,753.89	
Recreation Building	$28,160.00	$26,968.77	$1,191.23	
Freedom Center	$23,362.00	$23,317.68	$44.32	
Franklin School Building	$1,000.00	$981.28	$18.72	
Fire Station	$31,695.00	$29,753.62	$1,941.38	
Everett Ave Property	$6,000.00	$114.77	$5,885.23	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$2,500.00	$2,145.37	$354.63	
Old Town Hall	$10,710.00	$10,107.51	$602.49	
Town Common	$2,200.00	$1,655.38	$544.62	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$29,785.00	$29,785.00	$0.00	
	$1,728,966.00	$1,701,261.92	$27,704.08	$205.96
HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health	$17,640.00	$9,279.07	$8,360.93	
Quabbin Health District	$112,459.58	$112,459.58	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$319,862.00	$313,273.78	$6,588.22	
Veterans' Services	$161,437.00	$157,063.96	$4,373.04	
	$611,398.58	$592,076.39	$19,322.19	$0.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Clapp Memorial Library	$344,596.00	$343,819.68	$776.32	
Recreation Department	$181,164.00	$181,110.58	$53.42	
Recreation - Pool	$45,608.00	$45,607.99	$0.01	
Teen Center Operating	$31,400.00	$31,291.56	$108.44	
Town Beach	$3,100.00	$3,049.59	$50.41	
Family Center	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$0.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$123.50	$376.50	
Historic District	$348.00	$290.00	$58.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$610,016.00	$608,292.90	$1,723.10	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY08
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$45,425.00	$43,624.36	$1,800.64	
Council of Governments	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$1,364,519.00	$1,364,347.00	$172.00	
Workers' Compensation	$2,500.00	$0.00	$2,500.00	
Unemployment	$10,000.00	$8,668.67	$1,331.33	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$733,000.00	$729,777.43	$3,222.57	
Group Life-Town Share	$3,400.00	$3,087.87	$312.13	
Medicare-Town Share	$68,000.00	$65,548.71	$2,451.29	
General Insurance	$413,253.00	$410,006.44	$3,246.56	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$539.48	$539.48	$0.00	
Everett Ave Property Purchase	$210,000.00	$209,750.00	$250.00	
	$2,860,636.48	$2,845,349.96	$15,286.52	$0.00
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,268,876.00	$2,265,000.00	$3,876.00	
Interest	$1,509,887.00	$1,509,437.71	$449.29	
	$3,778,763.00	$3,774,437.71	$4,325.29	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$3,750.00	$0.00	$3,750.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$86.60	$86.60	$0.00	
School Department	$24,701.28	$24,699.29	$1.99	
Public Works	$492.08	$492.08	$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	$305,844.15	$303,778.46	$2,065.69	$2,065.69
	$334,874.11	$329,056.43	$5,817.68	$2,065.69

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY08
SUMMARY				
General Government	$1,468,441.20	$1,454,596.58	$13,844.62	$20.00
Protection of Persons/Property	$2,555,311.00	$2,512,415.09	$42,895.91	$22,864.79
Education	$22,020,307.00	$22,007,071.18	$13,235.82	$8,216.55
Public Works	$1,728,966.00	$1,701,261.92	$27,704.08	$205.96
Human Services	$611,398.58	$592,076.39	$19,322.19	$0.00
Culture & Recreation	$610,016.00	$608,292.90	$1,723.10	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$2,860,636.48	$2,845,349.96	$15,286.52	$0.00
Debt & Interest	$3,778,763.00	$3,774,437.71	$4,325.29	$0.00
	$35,633,839.26	$35,495,501.73	$138,337.53	$31,307.30
Encumbered Funds	$334,874.11	$329,056.43	$5,817.68	$2,065.69
TOTALS	$35,968,713.37	$35,824,558.16	$144,155.21	$33,372.99

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS						
			Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	144,216.00	587,763.52	920,940.78	500,375.65	195,551.15		278,961.01		2,627,808.11
Collections & Fees	157,975.58		42,598.33	22,286.00	604,917.42	432,242.73	1,250,904.16	177,941.78	2,688,866.00
Interest	15,828.88				1,332.42		970.86	10,514.82	28,646.98
Performance Guarantees								6,500.00	6,500.00
Gifts			1,743.00	730.00		8552.66	285,627.05		296,652.71
Temporary Loans				475,000.00					475,000.00
Other							6,340.00	302,674.70	309,014.70
Total Revenues	318,020.46	587,763.52	965,282.11	998,391.65	801,800.99	440,795.39	1,822,803.08	497,631.30	6,432,488.50
Expenditures:									
General Government	25,698.50			628,058.00			207,396.93	69,934.00	931,087.43
Protection of Persons & Property				60,628.99			16,802.57	110,170.35	187,601.91
Education			784,739.63	153,623.54	817,942.61	520,584.60	547,148.02	341,009.47	3,165,047.87
Department of Public Works		651,547.19		0.00			76,918.17	9,950.00	738,415.36
Human Services			196,066.89	42,481.28			25,173.57	22.71	263,744.45
Culture & Recreation				15,032.90			278,613.95	1,500.00	295,146.85
Debt & Interest				85,000.00					85,000.00
Total Expenditures	25,698.50	651,547.19	980,806.52	984,824.71	817,942.61	520,584.60	1,152,053.21	532,586.53	5,666,043.87
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	292,321.96	(63,783.67)	(15,524.41)	13,566.94	(16,141.62)	(79,789.21)	670,749.87	(34,955.23)	766,444.63
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In							418,044.13		418,044.13
Operating Transfers Out			31.30	418,044.13			469,000.00		887,075.43
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	(31.30)	(418,044.13)	0.00	0.00	(50,955.87)	0.00	(469,031.30)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

			GRANTS					
		Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	292,321.96	(63,783.67)	(15,555.71)	(404,477.19)	(16,141.62)	(79,789.21)	619,794.00	(34,955.23)	297,413.33
Balance 7-1-06	144,423.82	(54,435.11)	28,117.93	543,063.77	115,482.76	173,686.98	496,529.45	300,908.05	1,747,777.65
Balance 6-30-07	436,745.78	(118,218.78)	12,562.22	138,586.58	99,341.14	93,897.77	1,116,323.45	265,952.82	2,045,190.98

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
MWPAT				$0.00
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Temporary Loans		150,000.00		$150,000.00
Bond Proceeds				$0.00
Total Revenue	0.00	150,000.00	0.00	$150,000.00
Expenditures:				
Construction		$143,860.41		$143,860.41
Equipment		$39,190.54	$5,738.05	$44,928.59
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$183,050.95	$5,738.05	$188,789.00
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	($33,050.95)	($5,738.05)	($38,789.00)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In				$0.00
Operation Transfers Out				$0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	($33,050.95)	($5,738.05)	($38,789.00)
Fund Balance 7-1-06	$10,520.66	$125,370.45	$5,738.05	$141,629.16
Fund Balance 6-30-07	$10,520.66	$92,319.50	$0.00	$102,840.16

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	770,824.00	806,239.72	35,415.72
Sewer Assessments	230,500.00	314,936.62	84,436.62
Sewer Connections	30,000.00	39,250.00	9,250.00
Interest	0.00	5,509.29	5,509.29
Dumping Fees	0.00	60.00	60.00
Total Revenue	1,031,324.00	1,165,995.63	134,671.63
Expenditures:			
Environmental	594,872.00	586,942.61	7,929.39
Debt & Interest	760,993.00	760,987.44	5.56
Prior Year Expenditures	949.30	949.30	0.00
Total Expenditures	1,356,814.30	1,348,879.35	7,934.95
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(182,883.72)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	137,019.00	137,019.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	137,019.00	137,019.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(45,864.72)	
Fund Balance 7/1/06		323,878.61	
Fund Balance 6/30/07		278,013.89	

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Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	231,700.00	253,664.75	21,964.75
Sale of Recycling	0.00	5,007.05	5,007.05
Total Revenue	231,700.00	258,671.80	26,971.80
Expenditures:			
Environmental	305,705.00	305,629.70	75.30
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	305,705.00	305,629.70	75.30
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(46,957.90)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(46,957.90)	
Fund Balance 7/1/06		161,369.19	
Fund Balance 6/30/07		114,411.29	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Balance 7/1/2006	Additions	Balance 6/30/2007
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	119,287.14	8,700.00	127,987.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	742,181.43	8,700.00	750,881.43

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Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2007

	Balance 7/1/2006	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2007
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$171,341.21		$21,943.93	$16,966.72			$176,318.42	$176,318.42
Whiting Street	$41,586.12		$2,339.16				$43,925.28	$43,925.28
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$4,100.89		$276.64				$4,377.53	$4,377.53
Calvin Bridgman High School	$12,103.01		$820.87				$12,923.88	$12,923.88
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$1,138.60		$233.01				$1,371.61	$1,371.61
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$2,956.32		$229.27				$3,185.59	$3,185.59
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$20,371.12	$6,622.00	$957.16				$27,950.28	$27,950.28
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$12,895.47		$5,181.97	$7,516.01			$10,561.43	$10,561.43
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,188.89		$62.98				$1,251.87	$1,251.87
Nellie E. Brown	$2,858.36		$172.12	$149.26			$2,881.22	$2,881.22
Willard Stebbins	$1,751.13		$147.42				$1,898.55	$1,898.55
Vianna E. Somes	$2,188.49		$112.84				$2,301.33	$2,301.33
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00	$632.48	$0.00	$632.48			$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$16,175.01		$1,420.20				$17,595.21	$17,595.21
Retirement Trust	$3,710.38		$2,371.87				$6,082.25	$6,082.25
Conservation Fund	$732.01		$33.19				$765.20	$765.20
Stabilization Fund	$556,406.13	$335,860.00	$37,372.57				$929,638.70	$929,638.70
Workers' Compensation Fund	$97,734.51		$4,431.77				$102,166.28	$102,166.28
	$949,237.65	$343,114.48	$78,106.97	$25,264.47	$0.00	$0.00	$1,345,194.63	$1,345,194.63

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Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2007

	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	3,051,179.05	1,986,295.09	5,037,474.14
2009	3,067,747.97	1,841,552.42	4,909,300.39
2010	3,115,941.88	1,701,344.10	4,817,285.98
2011	3,158,351.72	1,569,664.86	4,728,016.58
2012	3,203,045.06	1,409,843.04	4,612,888.10
2013	3,024,782.26	1,522,747.86	4,547,530.12
2014	3,314,459.31	1,155,705.92	4,470,165.23
2015	3,340,025.35	994,521.71	4,334,547.06
2016	2,710,089.90	832,275.91	3,542,365.81
2017	2,730,522.17	704,939.34	3,435,461.51
2018	2,766,086.71	554,479.84	3,320,566.55
2019	2,786,818.98	427,554.22	3,214,373.20
2020	2,195,683.52	308,701.19	2,504,384.71
2021	1,970,694.70	207,509.28	2,178,203.98
2022	1,976,613.56	113,899.94	2,090,513.50
2023	371,545.83	18,579.16	390,124.99
2024	376,478.10	0.00	376,478.10
	43,160,066.07	15,349,613.88	58,509,679.95

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Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2007

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2006	Reduced FY2007	Outstanding 6/30/2007	Due In FY2008
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	247,000.00	31,000.00	216,000.00	31,000.00
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	4.87	4,820,000.00	430,000.00	4,390,000.00	450,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	25,870,000.00	1,620,000.00	24,250,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	660,000.00	55,000.00	605,000.00	55,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	860,000.00	75,000.00	785,000.00	75,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	5,988,300.00	405,500.00	5,582,800.00	417,300.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	384,495.00	22,690.00	361,805.00	23,329.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	457,759.00	27,077.00	430,682.00	27,838.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	968,674.00	57,334.00	911,340.00	58,931.00
USDA Pine Valley	2003	4.50	18,277.92	11,025.49	7,252.43	7,252.43
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,733,043.00	76,928.00	1,656,115.00	78,124.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	3,680,783.00	210,874.03	3,469,908.97	163,529.45
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	410,000.00	30,000.00	380,000.00	30,000.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	58,037.84	3,875.17	54,162.67	3,875.17
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	70,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00	10,000.00
			46,226,369.76	3,066,303.69	43,160,066.07	3,051,179.05

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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2006	$ 7,081,806.55	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 50,563,740.91
RECEIPTS	$ 51,266,243.03	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2007	$ 7,784,308.67
	$ 58,348,049.58		$ 58,348,049.58

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 160,200.85

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 6/30/2006	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2007
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 18,103.01		$ 820.87		$ 18,923.88
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 6,100.89		$ 276.64		$ 6,377.53
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,388.89		$ 62.98		$ 1,451.87
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 3,251.13		$ 147.42		$ 3,398.55
VIANNA SOMES	$ 2,488.49		$ 112.84		$ 2,601.33
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,858.36		$ 172.12	$ (149.26)	$ 3,881.22
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 132,182.61	$ 8,850.00	$ 5,181.97	$ (4,091.90)	$ 142,122.68
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 684,191.47	$ 73.43	$ 21,880.93	$ (16,966.72)	$ 689,179.11
WHITING STREET	$ 51,586.12		$ 2,339.16		$ 53,925.28
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 5,056.32		$ 229.27		$ 5,285.59
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 5,138.60		$ 233.01		$ 5,371.61
CONSERVATION	$ 732.01		$ 33.19		$ 765.20
SENIOR CENTER	$ 20,371.12	$ 6,622.00	$ 957.16		$ 27,950.28
PENSION RESERVE	$ 26,175.01		$ 1,420.20		$ 27,595.21
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 556,406.13	$ 335,860.00	$ 37,372.57		$ 929,638.70
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 97,734.51		$ 4,431.77		$ 102,166.28
TOTALS	$ 1,614,764.67	$ 351,405.43	$ 75,672.10	$ (21,207.88)	$ 2,020,634.32

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2006- JUNE 30, 2007

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#970 LAND PURCHASE- TOPPING & FULLER	T.D. BANKNORTH	8/31/2006	$ 176,000.00	8/31/2007	3.99%
#971 LAND PURCHASE- 10 EVERETT AVE	T.D. BANKNORTH	8/31/2006	$ 210,000.00	8/31/2007	3.99%
#972 LAND PURCHASE - SCARBOROUGH BRK	WEBSTER BANK	6/1/2007	$ 390,000.00	8/15/2007	3.79%
#973 SEWER CONSTR-JACKSON STREET	CITIZENS BANK	6/1/2007	$ 150,000.00	5/30/2008	3.77%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
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TOWN TREASURER

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FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006		$ 101.20
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 101.20	
	$ 101.20	$ 101.20

FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 234.60
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 234.60	
	$ 234.60	$ 234.60

FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 891.48
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 891.48	
	$ 891.48	$ 891.48

FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 957.60
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 957.60	
	$ 957.60	$ 957.60

FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 792.40
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 123.20
ABATED	$ 8.40	
COLLECTED	$ 114.80	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 792.40	
	$ 915.60	$ 915.60

FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 1,163.14
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 155.21
ABATED	$ 78.54	
COLLECTED	$ 76.67	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 1,163.14	
	$ 1,318.35	$ 1,318.35

FISCAL 1983 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 170.61
ABATED	$ 92.02	
COLLECTED	$ 78.59	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 170.61	$ 170.61

FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 174.62
ABATED	$ 94.18	
COLLECTED	$ 80.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 174.62	$ 174.62

FISCAL 1985 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 188.16
ABATED	$ 114.69	
COLLECTED	$ 73.47	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 188.16	$ 188.16

FISCAL 1986 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 196.25
ABATED	$ 119.62	
COLLECTED	$ 76.63	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 196.25	$ 196.25

FISCAL 1987 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 196.77
ABATED	$ 119.94	
COLLECTED	$ 76.83	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 196.77	$ 196.77

FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 64.36
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 330.32
ABATED	$ 256.14	
COLLECTED	$ 74.18	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 64.36	
	$ 394.68	$ 394.68

FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 100.93
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 346.56
ABATED	$ 268.74	
COLLECTED	$ 77.82	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 100.93	
	$ 447.49	$ 447.49

FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 112.47
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 386.18
ABATED	$ 299.46	
ADJUSTMENT		$ 0.01
COLLECTED	$ 86.73	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 112.47	
	$ 498.66	$ 498.66

FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 286.03
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 421.86
ABATED	$ 350.25	
COLLECTED	$ 71.61	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 286.03	
	$ 707.89	$ 707.89

FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 151.57
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 436.19
ABATED	$ 362.14	
COLLECTED	$ 74.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 151.57	
	$ 587.76	$ 587.76

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FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 1,123.00
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 479.01
ABATED	$ 388.58	
ADJUSTMENT		$ 0.01
COLLECTED	$ 90.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 1,123.00	
	$ 1,602.02	$ 1,602.02

FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 985.77
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 505.79
ABATED	$ 358.08	
COLLECTED	$ 147.71	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 985.77	
	$ 1,491.56	$ 1,491.56

FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 867.91
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 517.99
ABATED	$ 366.72	
COLLECTED	$ 151.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 867.91	
	$ 1,385.90	$ 1,385.90

FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 225.90
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 554.94
ABATED	$ 392.88	
COLLECTED	$ 162.06	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 225.90	
	$ 780.84	$ 780.84

FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 3,021.66
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 581.72
ABATED	$ 411.84	
COLLECTED	$ 598.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 2,593.02	
	$ 3,603.38	$ 3,603.38

FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 193.16
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 595.28
ABATED	$ 421.44	
COLLECTED	$ 173.84	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 193.16	
	$ 788.44	$ 788.44

FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 2,103.20
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 606.56
ABATED	$ 429.94	
COLLECTED	$ 176.62	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 2,103.20	
	$ 2,709.76	$ 2,709.76

FISCAL 2000 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 560.62
ABATED	$ 431.83	
COLLECTED	$ 128.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 560.62	$ 560.62

FISCAL 2001 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ -
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 561.81
ABATED	$ 432.74	
COLLECTED	$ 129.07	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 561.81	$ 561.81

FISCAL 2002 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 15,336.61
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 559.44
TO TAX TITLE	$ 15,336.61	
ABATED	$ 430.92	
COLLECTED	$ 128.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 15,896.05	$ 15,896.05

FISCAL 2003 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 23,470.28
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 666.62
TO TAX TITLE	$ 22,170.42	
ABATED	$ 401.02	
COLLECTED	$ 850.62	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 714.84	
	$ 24,136.90	$ 24,136.90

FISCAL 2004 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 7,786.27
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 734.80
REFUNDED		$ 0.29
ABATED	$ 467.60	
ADJUSTMENT	$ 0.01	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 7,786.55	
COLLECTED	$ 267.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 8,521.36	$ 8,521.36

FISCAL 2005 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 44,631.45
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 782.70
ABATED	$ 518.27	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 12,309.88	
COLLECTED	$ 30,006.57	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 2,579.43	
	$ 45,414.15	$ 45,414.15

FISCAL 2006 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 319,723.09
TO TAX POSSESSION		$ 873.91
REFUNDED		$ 2,370.64
ABATED	$ 2,776.29	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 17,397.24	
COLLECTED	$ 269,399.78	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 33,394.33	
	$ 322,967.64	$ 322,967.64

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NEWCON REAL ESTATE 2006

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 1,438.32
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 29,135.34
ABATED	$ 265.60	
COLLECTED	$ 30,308.06	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 30,573.66	$ 30,573.66

FISCAL 2007 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 8,454,099.24
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 8,884,453.29
REFUNDED		$ 37,610.93
TO TAX POSSESSION	$ 2,114.56	
ABATED	$ 80,491.84	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 78,144.97	
COLLECTED	$ 16,804,797.67	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 410,614.42	
	$ 17,376,163.46	$ 17,376,163.46

NEWCON REAL ESTATE 2007

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 27,954.72
REFUNDED		$ 0.04
COLLECTED	$ 27,954.76	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 27,954.76	$ 27,954.76

FISCAL 2008 REAL ESTATE

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 8,898,890.42
COLLECTED	$ 36,591.90	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 8,862,398.52	
	$ 8,898,990.42	$ 8,898,890.42

CPA 2006

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 2,113.19
COMMITTED		$ 375.22
REFUNDED		$ 54.65
TO TAX TITLE	$ 129.49	
ABATED	$ 58.63	
COLLECTED	$ 2,251.80	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 103.14	
	$ 2,543.06	$ 2,543.06

CPA 2007

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 74,435.05
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 85,118.61
REFUNDED		$ 379.85
TO TAX TITLE	$ 731.67	
ABATED	$ 1,336.97	
COLLECTED	$ 154,906.01	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 2,958.86	
	$ 159,933.51	$ 159,933.51

CPA 2008

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 82,567.42
COLLECTED	$ 601.92	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 81,965.50	
	$ 82,567.42	$ 82,567.42

FISCAL 2001 PERS. PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 1,210.52
COLLECTED	$ 4.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 1,206.25	
	$ 1,210.52	$ 1,210.52

FISCAL 2002 PERS.PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 1,648.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 1,648.00	
	$ 1,648.00	$ 1,648.00

FISCAL 2003 PERS. PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 477.95
COLLECTED	$ 26.04	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 451.91	
	$ 477.95	$ 477.95

FISCAL 2004 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 307.00
COLLECTED	$ 33.40	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 273.60	
	$ 307.00	$ 307.00

FISCAL 2005 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 550.08
COLLECTED	$ 112.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 437.72	
	$ 550.08	$ 550.08

FISCAL 2006 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 1,177.25
REFUNDED		$ 1.36
COLLECTED	$ 807.76	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 370.85	
	$ 1,178.61	$ 1,178.61

FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 123,918.20
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 120,149.91
REFUNDED		$ 278.81
COLLECTED	$ 242,919.26	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 1,427.66	
	$ 244,346.92	$ 244,346.92

FISCAL 2008 PERS PROP

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 120,235.31
COLLECTED	$ 5.22	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 120,230.09	
	$ 120,235.31	$ 120,235.31

1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 109.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 109.50	
	$ 109.50	$ 109.50

1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 106.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 106.00	
	$ 106.00	$ 106.00

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1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 74.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 74.00	
	$ 74.00	$ 74.00

1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 154.88
COLLECTED	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 154.88	
	$ 154.88	$ 154.88

1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 152.63
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 152.63	
	$ 152.63	$ 152.63

1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 153.75
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 153.75	
	$ 153.75	$ 153.75

1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 160.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 160.50	
	$ 160.50	$ 160.50

1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 160.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 160.50	
	$ 160.50	$ 160.50

1998 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 75.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 75.00	
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

1999 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 78.00
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 78.00	
	$ 78.00	$ 78.00

2000 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 80.00
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 80.00	
	$ 80.00	$ 80.00

2001 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 70.51
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 70.51	
	$ 70.51	$ 70.51

2002 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006		$ 70.51
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2007	$ 70.51	
	$ 70.51	$ 70.51

2003 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 67.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 67.00	
	$ 67.00	$ 67.00

2004 FARM ANIMAL		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 67.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 67.00	
	$ 67.00	$ 67.00

2005 FARM ANIMAL		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 370.25
COLLECTED	$ 303.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 67.00	
	$ 370.25	$ 370.25

2003 SEWER CHARGES		
SUBS:2005 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006		$ 761.37
COLLECTED	$ 761.37	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 761.37	$ 761.37

2006 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 6,225.77
COLLECTED	$ 5,566.72	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 659.05	
	$ 6,225.77	$ 6,225.77

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2007 SEWER LIENS		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 19,930.68
COLLECTED	$ 17,873.66	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 2,057.02	
	$ 19,930.68	$ 19,930.68

2006 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 192,683.36
ABATED	$ 128.25	
TO LIEN ON REAL EST.	$ 18,038.29	
COLLECTED	$ 174,516.82	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 192,683.36	$ 192,683.36

2007 SEWER CHARGES		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 845,899.64
ADJUSTMENT		$ 1.93
ABATED	$ 271.50	
COLLECTED	$ 611,617.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 234,013.02	
	$ 845,901.57	$ 845,901.57

2000 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 4,523.13
ABATED	$ 4,130.64	
COLLECTED	$ 392.49	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 4,523.13	$ 4,523.13

2001 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 8,430.27
ABATED	$ 7,689.64	
COLLECTED	$ 740.63	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 8,430.27	$ 8,430.27

2002 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 7,448.81
COLLECTED	$ 1,227.72	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 6,221.09	
	$ 7,448.81	$ 7,448.81

2003 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006		$ 9,907.33
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 215.63
COLLECTED	$ 1,524.26	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2007	$ 8,598.70	
	$ 10,122.96	$ 10,122.96

2004 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 16,150.83
COMMITTED		$ 378.75
REFUNDED		$ 793.65
ABATED	$ 832.40	
COLLECTED	$ 3,969.81	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 12,521.02	
	$ 17,323.23	$ 17,323.23

2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 28,577.87
COMMITTED		$ 454.06
REFUNDED		$ 1,906.04
ABATED	$ 1,690.63	
COLLECTED	$ 14,216.23	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 15,031.11	
	$ 30,937.97	$ 30,937.97

2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 168,310.04
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 182,525.41
REFUNDED		$ 13,362.48
ABATED	$ 21,292.34	
COLLECTED	$ 307,403.29	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 35,502.30	
	$ 364,197.93	$ 364,197.93

2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,374,545.49
REFUNDED		$ 7,514.34
ABATED	$ 41,086.88	
COLLECTED	$ 1,156,203.71	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 184,769.24	
	$ 1,382,059.83	$ 1,382,059.83

2006 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 329.53
COLLECTED	$ 329.53	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 329.53	$ 329.53

2007 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 11,152.62
COLLECTED	$ 11,030.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 121.83	
	$ 11,152.62	$ 11,152.62

2007 TITLE V		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 5,187.76
COLLECTED	$ 5,187.76	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ -	
	$ 5,187.76	$ 5,187.76

2005 TRILAKES BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 6,376.32
COLLECTED	$ 3,212.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 3,164.07	
	$ 6,376.32	$ 6,376.32

2006 TRILAKES BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 12,561.21
ABATED	$ 3,307.63	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 328.09	
COLLECTED	$ 7,652.62	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 1,272.87	
	$ 12,561.21	$ 12,561.21

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2007 TRILAKES BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 223,962.63
REFUNDED		$ 344.71
TO TAX TITLE	$ 1,427.59	
COLLECTED	$ 214,312.49	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 8,567.26	
	$ 224,307.34	$ 224,307.34

TRILAKES ADV INTEREST		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 43.77
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 388.86
ABATED	$ 14.39	
COLLECTED	$ 377.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 41.04	
	$ 432.63	$ 432.63

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006		$ 3,735,526.72
APPORTIONED FY07 RE	$205,816.25	
ABATED	$47,340.00	
COLLECTED	$81,530.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$3,400,840.47	
	$3,735,526.72	$ 3,735,526.72

MISCELLANEOUS REC.			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006			$ 60,806.98
COMMITTED			$ 76,126.07
ABATED		$11,250.00	
COLLECTED	$ 44,020.25		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	$ 81,662.80		
		$136,933.05	$ 136,933.05

COMSTAR		
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006		$ 274,069.89
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 665,711.98
REFUNDED		$ 804.89
ABATED	$ 248,104.61	
AUDIT ADJ	$ 28.10	
COLLECTED	$ 383,890.17	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2007	$ 308,563.88	
	$ 940,586.76	$ 940,586.76

JULY 1, 2006- JUNE 30,2007		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$ 20,384,084.07
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 383,890.17
	TOTAL	$ 20,767,974.24

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$ 20,115,856.22
INTEREST/FEES		$ 108,870.56
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 1,107.91
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		$ 158,132.25
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 383,890.17
	TOTAL	$ 20,767,857.11

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK
2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	505.00	370.00	460.00	405.00	195.00	320.00	405.00	420.00	265.00	260.00	230.00	185.00	4020.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	75.00	15.00	45.00	75.00	60.00	180.00	90.00	105.00	90.00	45.00	45.00	75.00	900.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	200.00	100.00	200.00		50.00			200.00	200.00				950.00
BURIAL PERMIT	75.00	45.00	75.00	15.00	30.00	15.00	45.00	30.00	15.00	30.00	45.00	30.00	450.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	165.00	90.00	530.00	120.00	75.00	90.00	225.00	165.00	135.00	240.00	105.00	150.00	2090.00
DOG FINES	285.00		135.00	580.00	1045.00	1902.00	1175.00	1692.00	95.00	285.00	205.00	90.00	7489.00
DOG OFFICER FEES	595.00		345.00	715.00	280.00	665.00	575.00	310.00	175.00	295.00	220.00	235.00	4410.00
DOG LICENSE	5402.00	5514.00	4141.00	2897.00	969.00	878.00	498.00	673.00	115.00	23.00	603.00	1823.00	23536.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION			30.00						2.50				32.50
HISTORICAL APPLICATION		25.00	25.00	25.00		25.00							100.00
HOMESTEAD FILING				10.00				30.00	10.00	10.00			60.00
PARKING CITATION													0.00
PASSPORT	1530.00	1230.00	1650.00	780.00	240.00	540.00	510.00	930.00	960.00	750.00	690.00	480.00	10290.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	6220.00	1390.00	70.00	135.00	200.00	220.00	230.00	200.00	170.00	135.00	1365.00	280.00	10615.00
POLE ORDER	40.00							80.00		40.00			160.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	10.00			20.00					90.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	160.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		20.00	25.00	40.00	20.00	60.00	40.00	20.00	265.00
UCC													0.00
SPORTING LIC SALES**	895.50	292.25	491.50	701.50	595.75	321.50	525.50	227.00	29.25	242.25	63.75	1591.25	5977.00
SPORTING ADM FEES	36.20	18.00	22.90	36.65	31.50	18.00	22.80	13.50	1.05	9.85	3.35	66.90	280.70
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	150.00		75.00	50.00		50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	102.00	652.00
MSC SALES	4.40	9.80	126.20	52.00	8.20	56.20	19.20	39.60	26.67	9.80	9.60	0.80	362.47
TOTALS	16198.10	9109.05	8431.60	6627.15	3779.45	5300.70	4345.50	5205.10	2449.47	2504.90	3709.70	5138.95	72799.67
**** PAYMENTS TO:**													
Div. of Fisheries&Wildlife	895.50	292.25	491.50	701.50	595.75	321.50	525.50	227.00	29.25	242.25	63.75	1591.25	4385.75
Town of Belchertown	15302.60	8816.80	7940.10	5925.65	3183.70	4979.20	3820.00	4978.10	2420.22	2262.65	3645.95	3547.70	68413.92
TOTAL	16198.10	9109.05	8431.60	6627.15	3779.45	5300.70	4345.50	5205.10	2449.47	2504.90	3709.70	5138.95	72799.67

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2006 Vital Statistics received after filing last year's report:

Births:

Place	Male	Female
Northampton	1	2
Springfield	8	6
Ware	1	1
Worcester		1

Marriages:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	1	1
Non-Resident	2	2

Married in Belchertown: 1 Married Out-of Town: 2

Deaths:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	2	2

Place of Death:

Springfield: 1 Holyoke: 2 Ware: 1

2007 Vital Statistics

Births:

Place:	Male	Female
Greenfield	1	1
Holyoke	3	4
Springfield	34	28
Northampton	34	24
Ware	7	4
	79	61

Marriages:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	36	41
Non-Resident	17	14
	53	55

Married in Belchertown: 30 Married Out-of-Town: 24

Deaths:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	39	50
Non-Resident	2	3
	41	53

Place of Death:

Agawam	1	East Longmeadow	1	South Hadley	8
Amherst	3	Hadley	1	Springfield	21
Athol	1	Holyoke	3	Ware	7
Barnstable	1	Northampton	8	Warren	1
Belchertown	29	Palmer	4	Wilbraham	2
Boston	1	Southbridge	1	Worcester	2

ADA Committee

The American With Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2007 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Max Bock, Maintenance Department; Michael Krzystofik, School Department; Sally Dodge and Ruthella Tucker were town-appointed representatives.

The Committee met on the first Tuesday of February, April, July 10th (2nd Tuesday due to Holiday) and October 2007. The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

Agricultural Commission

The second year of the Belchertown Agricultural Commission was a very productive one. At our annual Farmers meeting in January, the idea of a local Farm Guide received a lot of support. The Commission gathered farmer and farm product information from twenty farmers and published a Farm Map. This information is now available on the town website. The Farm Guide will be updated this year.

In April, a local citizen approached us with the idea of starting a Community Garden. We helped make this a reality by making a few phone calls and attending organizational meetings. In it first year, the Belchertown Community Garden boasted 29 plots for gardeners at NEFSI, the New England Small Farm Institute on Jackson Street. More gardeners have signed up for the next growing season.

On the State level, this year saw changes to MGL Chapter 61, classification of land for taxation purposes. Since there was much interest on this topic, we hosted a talk by the Mass Farm Bureau. The lecture was recorded on DVD and is available at the Clapp Memorial Library. In July, we hosted the Antique Tractor Show on the Town Commons. This collection of tractors, engines and farm implements was a big hit for people young and old. We also used this occasion to distribute maps of local Farm Stands.

At the request of the Planning Board, we reviewed the Town's Agricultural Bylaws and made several suggestions for changes. These will be reviewed by the Selectman's Office and presented for Town voting. All of these activities supported our goals of representing our farmer's needs, working with Town Boards and providing information pertaining to agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Jon Clements
Judith Gillan
Hope Guardenier
Susan Gay, Associate Member
Alan Page, Associate Member
Richard Reidy, Associate Member

Animal Control

Upgraded from the Dog Control Department at the Annual Town Meeting in 2007, our services have now slightly expanded to include limited cat issues. In addition to our regular dog services, we can now tend to injured cats on our streets.

As of mid-October, 2007, with licenses issued through the Town Clerk's office, there was a total of $32,259.00 generated from dog-related items. Our final report, issued November 2, 2007, showed a total of 2,673 dogs licensed in 2007, with 13 outstanding licensing issues resulting in court actions. The number of dogs has steadily increased in recent years, as our population does. In the next few years, we will probably reach more than 3,000 licensed dogs; higher than most towns in our part of the state.

Much of the increases noted have been thanks to the combined efforts and hard work of not only the Animal Control Department, but also the Town Clerk's Office. Together, we work to ensure that the public's well being is secure from unvaccinated dogs in town.

Networking with outside agencies, as well as local advertising, has allowed us the opportunity to adopt out many dogs, thus decreasing our euthanasia rate, which totaled 3 in the year 2007. We have been very blessed with the support from our community as well as other organizations, which has dramatically increased our success rate for re-homing dogs.

The Department is currently staffed with an Animal Control Officer, two assistants and a pound keeper. Our telephone number is 323-6880.

Board of Assessors

In 2007, Thomas Barry was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Assessors. At the Town Election in May, Samuel Joyal was re-elected to a three-year term and Thomas Barry was elected to a one-year term. William Huber remains the third Board member.

The office staff also experienced personnel changes as Andrea Filipkowski replaced Dawn Barnes who worked in the office for five years. The Board and office staff looks forward to working with Andrea.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY07 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	1,331,818,953
Town Meeting Appropriations	$39,107,241
Estimated Receipts/ Revenue sources	$21,487,277
Tax Levy	$17,619,964
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$17,701,912
FY07 New Growth	$568,528
FY07 Tax Rate	$13.23

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon timely filed chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational and forestry uses.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment of all real estate for fiscal 2007. Due to an increase in Belchertown's market conditions, the single-family property class increased approximately 7%. The Board is confident that properties in town are being valued fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Samuel Joyal, Chairman
William Huber, Vice Chairman
Thomas Barry, Clerk

Belchertown Community Television

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 19, and 20 (dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

BCTV continues its modest growth. We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run entirely by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Board of Selectmen
- Planning Board
- School Committee
- EDIC
- The Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings
- ZBA

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Board of Health, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Conservation Commission and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- BHS Home Football games
- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Wrestling Matches, Volleyball, Chess...)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- ...About Belchertown
- Legislator's Report
- The BlueRibbon Cooks
- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade
- Town Talk

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- Rag Shag Parade
- Tour of the Historic District, Part 1,2, and 3

(Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- World Wide Church of God
- Belchertown United Church of Christ

Accomplishments and Goals:

Last year's goals were to increase our pool of volunteers and train them to operate independently. BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use, such as audio mixing.

This year at the 150th Belchertown Fair we gave cameras to our volunteers and said – go tape whatever interests you. We collected all the tapes and gave them to Ben DeTour, who volunteered to edit them into our annual Fair show. The results were great – a different look at fair activities and a very different editing job than what I was doing. The experiment worked and we hope to repeat it next year.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Ben DeTour, student at BHS, and his sister Cara DeTour, student at Jabish Brook Middle School, have been taping events at their schools and editing them for viewing over BCTV. Their viewpoint of events and editing has made for some exciting TV in Belchertown.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who inputs all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden you with user information have greatly improved the overall look of our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has continued to be an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Kim, Kevin Mindy, and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers: BCTV runs on volunteer power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Rev. Bruce Arbour
Pat Bonnett
Mary Ann Brennen
Louise Christ
Ben DeTour
Cara DeTour
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
Audrey LePage
Norm Loftus
Shannon Materka
Ron Pobieglo

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Manager

Civil Defense/Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management, formally known as "Civil Defense", is a support group interacting with all town branches of public safety to assist in emergency planning and preparedness. These are primarily staff, not "command" functions, where the Coordinators serve under joint action arrangements with other Town Officials.

We continuously review emergency plans, and participate in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards. We continue an ongoing partnership of emergency preparedness with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which requires our Town Plan to be filed with the Sate Agency. We also work with members of FEMA, which is the Federal level of emergency management. All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.

The Emergency Management Committee continues to comply with the "National incident management system" (NIMS), which is a requirement to train every emergency responder of the town to a national standard for compatibility to streamline any response in the United States.

During the last year this effort continues to be ongoing with the main focus and goal of updating our advance training for overall safety.

This diverse group of dedicated people consists of our public safety sector. Their expertise in emergency response covers an extremely wide range, everything from natural disasters through technological incidents involving hazardous materials.

With the continuous support received from the Selectmen and citizens, we can and will prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock,
Emergency Management Director

Clapp Memorial Library

What did your family and friends do with their Clapp Memorial Library Smartest Card (CMLSC) in FY2007?

- During FY2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) Clapp Memorial Library Smartest Card (CMLSC) holders borrowed more than 136,833 items for a per capita borrowing average of 9.8 items.

  Adult and Young Adult CMLSC holders borrowed 94,434 items. Juvenile CMLSC holders (pre-school through grade 6) borrowed over 42,399 items.

- What a bargain!!! In FY2007 it cost each person in Belchertown just $24.69 to support the many programs and services of the CML.

As an example, during FY2007, on a per capita basis, each person in Belchertown borrowed 9.8 items from the Clapp Memorial Library. The *average cost (in 2005) of adult hardcover fiction and non-fiction was $33.54. If you were to pay for those 9.8 bestsellers it would have cost you $329.00. Were you to pay for 9.8 books for your child or grandchild it would have cost you $210.00.

*School Library Journal, March 1, 2005.

Your CML was able to provide this level of service despite sub-standard municipal funding. In *FY2005 (most recent MBLC data) the CML received 0.93% of the total Belchertown budget while other Group 4 libraries received and average of 1.35% of their total municipal budgets. Per capita support for the CML amounted to $21.79, while the average per capita support for all other Group 4 libraries was $32.21.

*Public Library Share of the FY2005 Massachusetts Municipal Pie (MBLC)

- Of the 13,958 people who make Belchertown their home 63% (8,821) took advantage of that very substantial savings while using have their own CML Smartest Card (CMLSC). Owning their own CMLSC were 5,469 adults, 710 senior citizens, 1,346 young adults (grades 7-12 and 1,299 children (grades K-6).

- That Yankee frugality brought CMLSC holders back to the Library again and again. More than 74,550 CMLSC holders visited the CML in FY2007. The Library welcomed 1,434 of our Belchertown friends and neighbors each week last year for a per capita average of 5.3 library visits per year.

- Those 1,400+ visitors were able to conveniently find the time to visit the CML because the Library was open to serve you for 2,054hours in FY2007. On average the Library was open for 40 hours each week during FY2007. Those 40 hours of direct patron service were spread over 6 days, Monday through Saturday, and included 14 evening hours (after 5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

- On average, the CML was open to Belchertown students each week for 25 hours after the close of school libraries, including evenings and Saturdays. Throughout the 2006-2007 school year the CML remained accessible to Belchertown's students for 1,300 hours after the close of school libraries.

  More than 1,290 children (grades K-6) were CMLSC holders, while 1,346 of their middle and high school colleagues were registered CMLSC holders.

  A more tangible example of the educational value of the CML is the more than 3,300 reference inquiries were responded to by CML staff members during the 2006-2007 school year by Belchertown's students in grades K through 6. In addition, Juvenile CMLSC holders (pre-school through grade 6) borrowed over 42,380 items form the CML in FY2007.

- Our adult and young adult (YA) CMLSC holders borrowed 31,713 books, with 31,867 children's books also being borrowed by Belchertown families.

  Not all of the nearly 137,000 items borrowed from the CML in FY2007, however, were books. CMLSC holders have materials in a wide variety of formats from which to choose. Our younger CMLSC holders borrowed 10,146 children's fiction and non-fiction DVDs and videos, while more than 47,000 general adult DVDs and videos were also borrowed last year. A combined total of nearly 10,500 general adult and children's audio books and music CDs that were borrowed in FY2007 illustrating the popularity of those formats, while a similarly combined total of more than 4,000 individual magazines were loaned to members of the Belchertown community.

- Sadly, however, the people of Belchertown have a collection of but 29,000 library items from which to borrow. Of 366 Massachusetts public libraries, 359 have collections larger than that of the CML. The collection of the CML, with but 2.1 items per capita (5.09 Group 4 avg.) is the smallest of the 54 Group D libraries and ranks 360th in size of a total of 366 Massachusetts public libraries.

  Both the inadequate size of the CML and below average municipal support are the primary reasons for this far below average size of the CML collection. Per capita spending on library materials for Belchertown in FY2007 came to $3.82, as compared to an average of $6.45 for Group D libraries, $6.06 for Western Massachusetts libraries and $6.77 for libraries across the Commonwealth.
- With Belchertown being among the fastest growing communities within the Commonwealth, with its second-to-none school system, and with the character of those who call Belchertown their home, the CML had to do better.

  To compensate for our woefully inadequate collection, and bring sorely needed public library resources to the Belchertown community, the CML collaborates with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing Library Consortium (C/W MARS) and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS).

- Because the CML is a full member of the C/W MARS Network your CMLSC gives you full access to over six million items from the collections of 140+ C/W MARS member libraries. You can enter any C/W MARS library and use its entire array of services by simply resenting your CMLSC.

  CML membership in C/W MARS makes this inter-library borrowing exceeding easy and convenient. From your own home or office, using remote access, you can search the C/W MARS database, select the items that you want, and arrange to have them delivered to the CML for pick up. As an added convenience, you can return to the CML. Such convenience costs the individual CMLSC holder nothing whether borrowing 1 or 100 items.

  Your CMLSC gives you access to a C/W MARS database that includes over 25 million online articles in magazines, reference books and newspapers, as well as complete biographical and bibliographical information and references for approximately 100,000 U.S. and international authors the Gale Group Databases. NoveList can help you find just the right book to read next! The Fiction reader's advisory service contains lists, reviews, feature articles, and more. MedlinePlus directs CMLSC holders to reliable information about health questions, providing access to the medical literature, full-text drug information and an illustrated medical encyclopedia. Search for the information that you need from the index and archive of full-text articles from 13 Massachusetts newspapers including the Republican, the Boston Globe and the Worcester Telegram.

Your CMLSC gives you access to these and hundreds of additional online databases, many requiring a substantial investment by individual, unaffiliated users. Your CMLSC, however, gives you free, convenient, 24/7 access to this multitude of resources. What an educational advantage this wealth of resources represents for Belchertown's students.

In FY2007 it cost the Belchertown community $17,283.00 to maintain its membership in the C/W MARS network. During that same time span 14,731 items from other C/W MARS member libraries were delivered to the CML, and taken home by CMLSC holders. The cost came to $1.17 per item. That, too, is quite a bargain when one considers the wide array of additional resources and services that our C/W MARS membership provides for each CMLSC holder.

- The CML also holds a complete archive of the Sentinel back to 1915. This valuable resources is a part of the equally valuable CML Special Collection which includes hundreds items dealing with local history and genealogy.

- Over the decades past the CML was the school library for thousands of Belchertown's 2nd and 3rd grade students who had no school libraries in their own schools. Happily, with the building of new schools, those students now have excellent school libraries.

Belchertown's kindergarten children, however, are yet without their own school library. So, in a collaborative effort, the CML and Cold Spring School re-established the Elementary School Library Visit Program (ESLVP) for our Kindergarten kids. Throughout FY2007, during 163 of these programs, our Kindergarten kids made more than 3,500 individual visits to the CML. The Clapp Memorial Library puts books into the hands of Belchertown's children--an invaluable educational service to those children, the3ir parents and their Belchertown community.

More than 500 young readers participated in last summer's "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" reading program. Also participating in this program were nearly 50 junior volunteers from grades 7 through 12.

Also proving quite popular among parents and children was the CML Museum Pass Program, which provided free passes to the Holyoke Children's Museum, the Eric Carle Museum and the Springfield Museums.

Children's programming at the CML did not, however, stop there. There were and additional 251 children's programs offered by the CML. Together, these programs and the ESLVP combined to serve 6,484 participants in 414 programs that spanned 494 hours.

- Adult programming at the CML in FY2007 was also quite popular. Those programs attracted 882 participants to 74 programs that spanned nearly 200 hours. Among the most popular and long-standing programs are the Clapp Critics (film group) and the Biblioholics (book group). So too, in only its 3rd year the Adult Summer Reading Challenge attracted nearly 300 CMLSC holders with some winning prizes that included wildlife photos by Les Campbell and watercolors by Pauline Thomas.

Combined, the CML offered a total of 418 Children's and Adult programs. This compares very well with the average program offerings Group D libraries at 256 programs, with Western Massachusetts libraries at 161 programs and with the State average of 259 programs.

Your CMLSC is the smartest card you own. It is your very own ticket to a world of information, recreation and opportunity. At $21.79 your CMLSC is quite a bargain. Get it. Use it @ the Clapp Memorial Library.

On behalf of all those who serve you at the CML please accept my sincere appreciation of your continued support. Please visit us often--you will be most pleasantly surprised at all that the Clapp Memorial Library has to offer.

Sincerely,

Owen Maloney, Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

This was a fruitful second year for the Community Preservation Committee.

Town voters approved participation in the state Community Preservation Act (CPA) in May 2005. Each year 30% of the funds must be allocated—10% to each of the three categories of Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories plus Recreation.

Under the CPA, the state matches funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge that averages around $30 per household for the year. For FY2008, the state matched the full $159,175. Since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown usually multiply our own contributions. All funds must be approved by Town Meeting.

The 2007 Annual Town Meeting approved projects expected to cost $1,015,519. Because these funds are highly leveraged, this only required an appropriation of $329,103, only half of which came from Belchertown's CPA surcharge. In effect, our tax dollars were multiplied over six times. Less than $165,000 in local taxes produced over $1 million in projects.

Projects funded by Town Meeting included: Scarborough Brook Conservation Area; the Swift River School Playground; Belchertown High School Athletic Fields irrigation; Constantino and Parsons Athletic Fields; Clapp Library stained glass window; Stone House Museum windows; new fences to protect veterans graves at three cemeteries; protection for the United Church of Christ, Edwin Bridgman House, and a NESFI/State School building; and funding for the Belchertown Historical Commission, binding vital records, and the Belchertown Land Trust Recreation Path.

The Community Preservation Committee is committed to open processes that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively. In order to encourage small groups and individuals to submit proposals, the Community Preservation Committee encourages projects costing under $5000.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

Ken Elstein, Chairman
Cliff McCarthy, Vice Chairman
Jim Gambaro, Secretary
Edwina Cruise
Betsy Loughran
Karen Schiffer
Leslie Squires

Computing Department

The Computing Department has had an eventful year. We have made great strides in the virtualization of our servers to run more efficiently and save in hardware and electricity costs. We have also implemented a Storage Area Network (SAN) to store our data in a more fault-tolerant fashion.

This year we worked with the schools to develop a plan to better utilize their hardware, and save a fair amount of money. We hope to be implementing this thin-client solution in 2008 to provide a positive computing experience to the students in our schools, and allow school administration to have the tools they need to run efficiently.

We have added a calendar to our website http://www.belchertown.org which will have information regarding Selectmen's Meetings, Committee meetings, and other town related events.

Throughout the year we have worked with the various town departments to implement tools that help them do their jobs more efficiently.

In our continued effort to improve services to the town and its residents Lawrence Memorial Hall (Town Hall) is now an active "hotspot" providing free wireless access to the public. This should allow people attending meetings to have better access to information. The Clapp Memorial Library continues to offer free Internet access through this same service.

We have moved from the Lawrence Memorial Hall to our new offices behind Tadgell School.

As always the Computing Department is working hard to provide the tools to increase efficiency and productivity among all of the Town's departments.

Thank you,

Kevin J Hannon
MIS Director

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 70 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 39 of these were Requests for Determination and 24 were Notices of Intent; two were for permit extensions, two for Amended Orders of Conditions, and three hearings for an Abbreviated Notice for Resource Area Delineation. The Commission issued three Emergency Certificates, for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year. There are many subdivisions currently under construction and extensive site visits have occurred to monitor these projects. The Commission reviewed the site plans for the Pride Park commercial development, previously Belchertown Office Park. In addition, the Commission is continuing to monitor the progress of the Cold Spring Golf Course. The Commission has dealt with numerous enforcement issues and has issued three Enforcement Orders. Some enforcement matters have been outstanding for some time and the Commission has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission also developed a Wetlands Protection Brochure for public education, summarizing the Wetlands Protection Act and why wetlands are so important to protect.

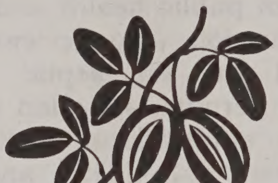
The year 2007 has been a very busy and productive year for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with Town officials on numerous and extensive land protection projects. The Belchertown Conservation Commission has received a $309,400.00 grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Self-Help Grant program to secure the remaining 57 acres of the Topping Farm Conservation area. This property has great value for aquifer protection, recreation and wildlife habitat. The main goals for this land acquisition are to protect this aquifer, maintain the water quality within the community, and to protect the wildlife habitat carrying capacity of this area. In addition, the Town purchased the Scarborough Brook Conservation Area on 6/1/2007 and a land dedication and nature walk were held on 6/30/2007 to showcase this area. These 65 acres are now open to the public to enjoy for passive recreation and for the protection of the Lawrence Swamp aquifer and the endangered species located on this property. The Town also accepted as a land gift 53 acres of property off Stebbins St., located at the end of the cul-de-sac on Emily Lane.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation Commission is working on revising and updating our 1/1/2002 to 1/1/2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a statement of the current priorities of Town boards, officials, and citizens for natural resource protection and recreation. The purpose of this plan was to revise the original 1986 OSRP plan - to update the 2002 OSRP and reassess the open space, recreation, and natural resource protection needs and priorities for the next five years (2008-2013), carrying Belchertown well into the 21st century. In addition, the Belchertown Wetlands Map has also been updated and the new 2007 Town Assessor's maps reflect the new Resource Area Delineations.

The Conservation Commission is continuing to work on monitoring and managing our conservation areas. The Scarborough Brook Conservation Area, our newest Conservation Areas, has had a lot of work completed on this property. The area has had signage installed and a short walking path was mowed to encourage visitors to stay on the trail and not endanger rare species located on the property. The Commission has also hired a botanist to quantify and locate the endangered plants on this property, per recommendation from the Natural Heritage Endangered Species program. This monitoring will allow the Commission to determine land management techniques and a mowing schedule for this parcel. The Commission conducted a fall nature walk to dedicate this conservation area. Our conservation areas are very important to the Town and the Commission is looking forward to partnering with other organizations and residents within the community to help maintain and upgrade our Conservation areas.

The Commission is very sad at the passing of one of our Commissioner's Patrick Lund, on 1/5/2007 and he will be missed deeply. He served our Town with passion, enthusiasm, and with the true spirit of volunteerism. He will be sadly missed on both a personal and professional level.

In addition, this past year, the Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Conservation Commissioner Kurt Nelson, after providing over three years of service on the Conservation Commission. Linda Leduc, an existing Associate Commission member was appointed to fill the vacant Commissioner position. In addition Larry Therrien was appointed as Commissioner on 9/10/2007 and Richard Lanham and Michael Cavatorta were both appointed as new Associate Commission members on 12/4/2007.



The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2007-2008 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect even more valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Linda LeDuc, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
Larry Therrien, Commissioner
Richard Lanham, Associate Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Associate Commissioner

Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

Council on Aging/Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). An Executive Director manages day-to-day operations. A Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. The Senior Center provides services to seniors and their families in town. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Care Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Transportation continues to be a major issue for our seniors. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA should be discussed. Many seniors have requested an extension of the current bus route along route 9 down to Stop & Shop and the Senior Center. This would allow access to the smaller shuttle and the senior center. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for services outstrip our ability to meet the need. We have been able to add some additional van services with funding of a part-time 19-hour position for FY07. During FY07, our handicapped accessible vans transported over 100 different seniors on over 5000 individual trips. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Care Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. This program provided 1300 hours of service to over 64 seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. Our companions don't just provide transportation they go along with the senior on these errands. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. We have recently applied for a two-year National Transportation Safety grant to expand services.

Outreach efforts and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the

Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance, prescription coverage/options, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program have added a heavy additional demand on this department. We were able to have both our full and part-time staff trained as SHINE insurance counselors this year. The 10-hour funding for the part-time Outreach Assistant should be increased to meet the need. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritiously balanced hot meals are cooked on site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY07 period, 328 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 9,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. Our Home Delivered Meal Program served 42,000 meals this past year. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Due to increasing costs we reluctantly switched to frozen weekend meals in December. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, osteo and flex and tone exercise classes, line dancing, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, scrap booking group, a senior band and sing-a-long. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association. Computer classes are offered daily and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area.

Wellness programming continues to expand. Programs include Healthy

Hearts, Healthy Bodies, Osteo-exercise class, and diabetes support group. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. The Flex & Tone exercise program, Yoga class and Line dancing continue to be popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We offer massages and facials, which are provided at a fee by trained professionals. The greater utilization of this adjoining space mandated that we construct a long planned connector between the two buildings for safety and convenience. We were able to due this by utilizing the incredible skills of our maintenance department and with financial support from fundraising, and donations from local businesses and private individuals. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. We would like to expand evening programming to better serve seniors who have daytime responsibilities but staffing issues stand in the way of this goal.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizational, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. We have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers. The town office workers generously facilitate a Thanksgiving food distribution for seniors. This Christmas Season the parishioners of Saint Francis' church once again donated gifts to be distributed to our seniors. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. TRIAD is currently fundraising in order to purchase a defibrillator for use at the Senior Center.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Ninety people were recognized for their service to seniors in FY07. Over 14,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of $120,000.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In home respite care and other in home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Increasing property taxes, prescription drug costs, and the high costs of in home services leave many seniors in our community facing decisions to choose between heat, food, and medicine. We attempt to help them find resources to meet these needs, but too many times there is no answer to their problems or way to meet their needs. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority. If we are to serve our seniors and allow them to remain in the town they helped build it should still be a priority.

The Belchertown Council on Aging Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Cultural Council

The Belchertown Cultural Council received 18 applications this year from area artists and craftsmen for funding of events. Applications requested a total of $11,478 for these events.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council granted to the town of Belchertown $4680 for the grant year 2008. With this grant, the Cultural Council was able to fund eight applications for cultural events to be held in town, including theatre, literature, visual arts, music and interpretive science. Approximately one-half of the funded applications will provide programs for our schools; almost one-half include the Senior Center. Several multigenerational programs bring together several different age groups.

No PASS grants were applied for or funded. As in the past few years, the philosophy of the Local Cultural Council in Belchertown is that events funded in this manner will be held in town, rather than citizens traveling to events elsewhere.

Ljuba Marsh left the Council this year, having served her maximum-allowed six years. She had been an important organizing force on the Council and we thank her for that work.

Cultural Council members are as follows:
Sharon Marean, Chairman
Daniel Green, Treasurer
Cindi Huss, Secretary
Sharon McCartney
Sharon Cady-Harrison

Dog Control By-law Review Committee

The seven-member Dog Control By-law Review Committee was convened in April 2007 with the charge to review the current animal control by-law and make recommendations for changes. A revised by-law would be proposed at the Annual Town Meeting for a vote in May 2008. The Committee was convened by the Board of Selectmen and Mike Reardon is its Board of Selectmen Liaison.

The Committee met twice each month to develop its plans and fulfill its charge. In May 2007, the Committee developed and conducted a citizen input survey at the Annual Town Meeting; over 200 surveys were collected and analyzed. The Committee also conducted a survey at the annual Town Fair in September 2007 to obtain more citizen input on the current by-law and any changes that are needed.

At its regular meetings, the Committee solicited information and advice from current and former dog control officers and statewide and national organizations such as the Massachusetts Federation of Responsible Dog Owners and Clubs. The Committee reviewed model by-laws from communities within the state and around the country to determine what are considered "state-of-the art" dog control policies. The Committee researched the efficacy and feasibility of changes in the current by-law and their potential impact on the town.

The Committee developed a working draft of a new by-law in January 2008. The draft will undergo further review by town legal counsel and the Select Board. The Committee is on track to reach its goal of bringing a revised by-law for consideration at the May 2008 Town Meeting.

Submitted by,
Gail Gramarossa, Chairperson

Other Committee Members:
Jeff Anliker
Sam Caragulian
Jennifer Dier
Sally Dodge
Janet Lindsey
Jeff Rock

Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

The preferred developer has not honored their signed Purchase and Sale Agreement for the entire campus. BEDIC notified Bridgeland Development that we will move on and work with others while implementing the current Master Plan. BEDIC is now directly working with Master Plan components like the Health and Wellness provider as well as an Assisted Living provider. In addition, BEDIC is considering contacting known Master Developers to see if a financially strong developer might be interested in Belchertown's Master Development concept.

The Commonwealth has retained the permanent courthouse site (Parcel F) and will give a permanent easement over Parcel F to provide a main access road to the tourism destination development.

The approved subdivision road off of State Street has the four (4) separate developments completed. The approved subdivision road off of Jackson Street could start construction in the spring with an Assisted Living facility as the initial development.

BEDIC sold one building lot on Parcel D (south side of Route 21) and will finalize the draft development plan which includes six (6) potential development sites and setting aside land in the rear that abuts Town land for a future Belchertown Elementary School and possible playing fields.

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Rich Kump, Clerk/Treasurer
Richard Barry
Lloyd Chadbourne, Jr.
Loy Harris
Jonathan Spiegel

Associate Directors:
George Synan
Woody Sherman

Emergency Medical Services

The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services has had another busy year providing 24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown from our location at 9 East Walnut Street.

The EMS Department presently consists of five full time Paramedics, one full time EMT-Intermediate, and one full time EMT- Basic. The per diem staff consists of seven EMT - Paramedics and six EMT- Basics. Two members now staff our station 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

In July, Joan D'Ambrosia was appointed as a full time Paramedic and in August, Jack Kennedy was appointed as a full time Paramedic.

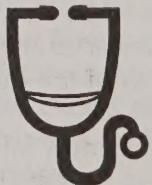
The Belchertown EMS Department covers EMS calls not only in Belchertown, but also occasionally is called on a mutual aid basis to the neighboring towns. In 2007, the two ambulances responded to over 1,300 calls. Approximately 76% of these calls were Advanced Life Support, requiring a Paramedic.

In the upcoming year we look forward to drawing up specifications for a new ambulance and purchasing that truck. Also we are hopefully going to purchase a computerized ambulance run report, which will have a laptop computer in each of the two ambulances.

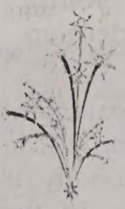
We at Belchertown EMS continue to be committed to providing the best Pre Hospital Paramedic Level care possible to the members of our community. I would like to thank all members of the EMS Department for their hard work and dedication throughout the year of 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
EMS Director



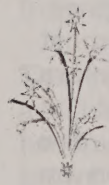
Fair Committee



This year celebrated the 150th Belchertown Fair and Parade. The theme of 150 Years Strong set the stage and all participants rose to the occasion starting on the Thursday evening. For the 1st time a large fireworks celebration kicked off the event at Chestnut Hill Middle School. It was extremely well attended and the most frequent comments heard were "awesome" and "will this become an annual event?" Fair dates of 9/21, 22 and 23 had all the usual activities and more.

Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusement Park. The weather was awesome and the crowds were the best ever. There were 87 vendor spaces with excellent representation from the non-profit groups in town. Most vendors reported record sales. The Giant pumpkin weighed in at 275 pounds and was once again grown by the Lamontagne family. The top frog, Buddy, jumped 81". New features included an exhibit on Fiber with alpacas and a vintage band organ. To commemorate an old tradition, the high stepping Pasa Fino Cancinero, owned by Jose Rubero, led the largest parade ever with a grace we haven't seen for a long time. The second annual Red Cross blood drive was again successful.

This year there were several members of the community who joined the group as volunteers early in the planning process. Their energies and ideas were put to good use. We look forward to their continued participation as we go forward planning for the coming year. Peg Louraine handed in her resignation as Exhibit Hall Superintendent. Darlene Coulombe, one of the new volunteers, will take her place in that capacity. We continue to look for many more folks to assist in every aspect of this town wide event. A new sponsorship program was initiated which was instrumental in bringing new activities to the event including the fireworks. Sponsorship signs were posted and we whole-heartedly thank all the volunteers and sponsors who worked with us.



Each year we enter many of our fair related items in the Massachusetts Fair Association for comparison with other fairs. It is common for us to receive recognition for our efforts within the categories for fairs our size. This year we had a notable award. The Belchertown Fair website, designed and maintained by Graham Brown and Rebecca Newsome, was recognized as Best of Show for all entries in all categories.

We would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire department, Department of Public Works, Town Administrator and staff, as well as the Town Hall staff for their invaluable support and contributions.

At a time when small fairs like small farms are closing around us, this event truly symbolized that we are 150 years strong. The Fair planning process is a year long event. We have reorganized and with your support look forward to the next 150 years. To answer the most frequently asked question...yes we are starting plans now to have fireworks again.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Brown, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Family Center Committee

The Belchertown Family Center is a fun and exciting place for families with children up to age six to drop in during three weekly sessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We offer an environment that is safe and interactive for a young child to play and socialize at various developmental areas. The children are able to sit and look at books, create an arts and crafts project, pretend to be a gourmet cook in the kitchen area, hold a puppet show or jump around in the gross motor skill room. The Center also has a large, fenced-in back yard with a safe play structure, a large sandbox and riding toys for the children to enjoy.

The Belchertown Family Center has themed activities and field trips throughout the year. We also visit the Senior Center during the year as part of an inter-generational activity. Many seniors and young children look forward to the visits and the activities planned; the Thanksgiving Potluck is a favorite.

The Center operates on donated funds collected during the drop-in sessions, a grant from the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, a utility budget from the Town and numerous fundraising events throughout the year. In 2007, we hosted our fourth annual 5K Fun Run and our first Silent Auction.

The Center continues being successful through the countless parents who volunteer their time and from the support received from the Town of Belchertown and the community. We look forward to serving the needs of the young children, enjoy watching them develop socially and intellectually and create friendships that prepare them for grade school.

Sincerely,

Family Center Committee
Richard Poissant
Amy Scott
Angela Braese
Stacy Stackhouse

Fire Department

The Fire Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection to our community. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through efforts of the firefighters, their families, our Town Officials and the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

The Department moved forward to pursue town funding to replace and upgrade one of our fire engines. Currently the towns second most important Fire Engine is now 34-years old. The voters, at a cost of $385,000.00 to replace this fire engine approved an appropriation on monetary funding. Specifications for the new truck were written, advertised and a bid contract was awarded to Custom Fire Apparatus in Wisconsin to provide a new fire engine by August 2008.

A campaign for additional funding will be the primary goal for the firefighters now that a new fire engine is on order. An additional $25,000.00 will be the projected target for new and upgraded life safety equipment for the new truck. The firefighters association will continue their fundraising activities to reach this goal and purchase this necessary fire-safety equipment.

The dedicated men and women that provide the quality and professionalism that the Town relies on in their fire department, continue to train weekly on new technology and advance training practices. The department held 104 training sessions last year, averaging out to two trainings weekly, which makes Belchertown firefighters an exemplary force.

Even with the new home market leveling off, Fire Prevention and Education activities still continue to be ongoing and steady. Increases in population, home construction and renovation projects, commercial sites, and more new proposals forthcoming create inspection demands and added services that overburden this department's full-time staff. More full-time staff is needed and must be considered in the future. Fire call response increased while fire inspection requests slightly decreased from the previous year.

The projections for town funding in addition to state and federal are becoming more extinct as the town grows and this department field's ongoing request for more services from the citizens. The department continues to vow its dedication with a level of service that we have grown accustom to.

It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment the Citizens make to this department, and the benefits that the Fire Department can provide back to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Members of the Belchertown Fire Department

Fire Chief:
Edward F. Bock

Chief Fire Inspector:
Capt. John Workman

Captains:
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis
Robert Hodgen
David Auchter

Lieutenants:
Edward D. Fuller
Max Bock
Tom Cooke
Darryn Beaudry
Michael Samson

Firefighters:
Sam Joyal
Hugh Hubbard
David Gay
Paul Tierney
Donald Thayer
Scott Cameron
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Scott Rae
Matt Rivest
Jeff Scott
Matthew Gemme
Mark Lavallee
Mike Beaupre
Herbert Wood
Patrick McMorrow
Scott Chapman
Gilbert Ocasio
Thomas Giguere
Jeff Haughey
Robert Ladd, Sr.
Dan Austin
Kevin Fitzgerald

Auxiliary Firefighters:

Amanda Hodgen
Christopher Fournier
Rhyan Huber
Brian Mercik
Shawn O'Rourke
Justin Roy

Types of Responses 2007	
Structure Fires	26
Vehicle Fires	13
Vehicle Extrication	07
Wildland Fires	45
CO Alarms	31
Hazardous Spills	18
Faulty Appliance	151
Sounding Alarms	07
Investigations	02
Mutual Aid	06
Total	**306**

Inspections and Permits 2007	
Open Burning	678
Smoke Detector	275
Oil Burner	110
Propane Storage	135
Underground Tank Removal	08
Fuel Storage	00
Blasting	03
Total	**1209**

Hampshire Council of Governments

The focus of the Hampshire Council of Governments continues to be to help local governments save money and solve problems through regional cooperation - as it was set out in the Council Charter - and a commitment to the concept of local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in FY 07 were $37,206. All current Council members voted to continue their membership with Council for the next four years and received a reduced annual assessment. The purpose of the reduction was to reduce the financial burden to the municipalities while increasing the stability of the Council membership. It is the intent of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources - increasing revenues from Hampshire Care, property rentals, and sale of electricity to towns and businesses - to offset the reduced assessment. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs.

The Council's Electricity Program, named Hampshire Power in 2007, continues to grow. Thirty-four towns and districts in Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden contracted with the Council for electricity supply for their municipal facilities. In addition, five businesses in Hampshire County signed supply contracts with the Council. In FY07, this program began offering a Real Time Rate in addition to the Profit Sharing Rate. Those customers who chose the Real Time Rate realized a savings each month. The Real Time Rate is the actual hourly market rate for each hour's usage during the meter cycle. An administrative charge is added to this rate. The first customer to choose this plan, the Town of Belchertown, realized a saving of $132,600 for 10 months of supply during FY07. Those customers who contracted with the Council for a profit sharing in FY07 shared $47,631 in profit rebates. Customers who opt for the profit sharing rate pay the utilities prices and share in profits, which the Council hopes to earn by buying directly from the electricity spot market. Future goals include extending to Berkshire and Worcester Counties, offering green energy plans, and ultimately, supplying residents through a municipal aggregation.

The Cooperative Purchasing program, now in its 27th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, and human service agencies and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for FY07 was $4.4 million with a projected savings of $842,688.

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single-digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. The collective premium for the Trust was $32.2M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits.

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. The department secures surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for FY07, after fees and delivery charges, totaled $17,710.83. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on nicer pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. Regional Services continued its oversight of the Hampshire Inspection Program, which provides building inspection and zoning enforcement services. Emergency inspection services are also available for other towns not in the program for an hourly fee. Department personnel prepared two successful grant applications, obtaining funding for the towns of Huntington and Pelham for fire apparatus and equipment, valued at $250,000. Finally, in addition to preparing a wage and salary survey of Hampshire County municipalities, the Department has been cooperating with the Electricity Department in performing account analysis and estimated electricity cost savings to help towns analyze their electricity purchase options, as well as salesmanship.

The elected Councilors provide public oversight for Hampshire Care in Leeds, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility owned and operated by the Council and County since 1914. The facility provides for 120 patients, with over 250 admissions per year from all the towns in the County. The majority of patients are admitted for rehabilitative care following an accident or illness. Hampshire Care also provides post hospital treatment, and long-term nursing services. The facility has an exemplary record of performance on State and Federal surveys, and rates highest in the County on State Survey results. (See Massachusetts Department of Public Health "nursing Home Report Card.") As a government owned, non-profit facility, Hampshire Care has no owners or stockholders to report to and concentrates all of its resources on offering the best patient care possible. All revenues for the facility's operation come from patient services. Hampshire Care also has roughly the same profile of Medicare, Medicaid, and private patients as the average long-term care facility in Massachusetts. The Hampshire Council of Governments is very sensitive to its responsibilities as a government entity to provide services for the communities it serves. The Council would like to be able to expand the public services being offered on the campus of Hampshire Park, where Hampshire Care is located. Hampshire Care also provides a substantial number of good jobs, with 120 full-time equivalents and over 150 employees. These employees, as with the patients, almost all are residents of the surrounding towns and villages. The total financial impact on the local economy is about $8 million dollars. As a government entity Hampshire Care is challenged by the need to provide employees with better benefits than private sector facilities, while receiving lower reimbursement because of the high quality of patient care.

One of the less noted benefits to local communities is the impact that Hampshire Care has on the cost of retirement benefits. It has been calculated that retirement benefits for most communities would rise substantially if Hampshire Care were not part of the Hampshire County Retirement board.

The Council has continued to provide tobacco prevention efforts in the region since 1994. Currently there are two programs run by the Tobacco Free Network. Through the Youth Access to Tobacco prevention program we are working in 33 towns in Franklin, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties. These communities do not have local youth access to tobacco regulations or are not currently enforcing their regulations. By conducting compliance checks, doing retailer and community education, and working with local boards of health we hope to reduce the sale of tobacco to minors and increase compliance with the state law. In addition, the Network is working in Holyoke to develop a community smoking intervention plan. These programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Since the passage of the state-wide smoke free work site law in July of 2005, efforts here and across the state have been on preventing youth from using tobacco, helping smokers who are interested to quit, protecting people from second hand smoke, and working to end health disparities of tobacco.

In addition to the various departments, programs, and services, each Councilor attends a monthly Full Board Meeting as well as a Standing Committee Meeting. Each Committee has oversight of specific departments and programs and continues to look for ways to increase revenue and provide services. The Council is currently working on proposals for development of the Hampshire Park area of Hampshire Care. Ideas discussed include the potential for the addition of a charter school, a housing program, and other developmental ideas to enhance the property and raise revenue.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Board of Health

Communicable Disease Report

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 2007:

Animal Bites:

Cat bites	1
Dog bites	12

Reportable Diseases:

Campylobacter	1
Chicken Pox	8
Ehrlichiosis	1
Giardia	1
Hemophlilis Influenza	1
Hepatitis B	2
Hepatitis C	2
Legionellosis	1
Lyme suspect/disease	23
Pertussis	3
Salmonella	3
TB	1

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

Margarita Canuel, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers, investigates all contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health office. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Case follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully submitted,

Margarita Canuel, R.N.
Belchertown Public Health Nurse

2007 Permit Activity

The following is a list of the various permits/licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office for the year 2007:

Percs	104 (63 new; 41 repairs)
Disposal System Construction Permit	97 (49 new; 48 repairs)
Hauler	10
Septic Installer's	47
Private Drinking Water Well Construction Permit	49 (45 new; 4 replacements)
Bakery	2
Belchertown Fair *(temporary food permits)*	30
Plan Review New Food Establishment	1
Food Establishment	28
Frozen Dessert	2
Limited Food Establishment	8
Milk & Cream	33
Mobile Food	3
Residential Kitchen	2
Retail Food	17
Temporary Food	3
Massage Therapy	9
Tanning *(per unit)*	8 (units)
Ecology Can	0
Funeral Director	1
Public Pool	1
Public Spa	0
Day Camp	1
Piggery License	1
Mobile Home	1
Residential Housing Inspections	2
Outdoor Wood Fired Boiler/Furnace Permit	3
Tobacco Retail	13

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2007:

	Belchertown	**Ware**	**Pelham**
Perc Test / Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	104	48	15
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	51	26	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	51	19	10
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	93	34	11
Well Application Review	49	N/A	3
Housing Inspections (Upon Complaint)	14	34	1
Housing Re-inspections	21	129	1
Rental Voucher Inspections (Upon Request)	1	10	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	9	1
Housing Hearings	0	4	0
New Food Establishment Openings	2	3	1
Food Establishment Inspections	81	112	2
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	36	6	0
Nuisance Orders Issued or Investigated	16	30	3
Court Appearances	5	10	0
Tanning / Massage Licensure	12	12	0
Food Illness Complaints / Food Recall Inspections	5	3	0
Body Art Establishment Inspections/ Complaint	N/A	1	N/A
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	N/A
Board Meetings	12	13	10

Total: Activities District-wide: 1117

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2007 the main agenda items discussed by the Board were the 2008 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. All three communities belong to the Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, with the Director of Public Health sitting on the Executive Committee.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Randall Gauley, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District Bylaw Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alteration within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 100 Historic District Commissions operating in Massachusetts, administering over 200 Local Historic Districts.

Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district

Historic District Commissions are at the front line of preservation in Massachusetts. The review authority and oversight they have is a very effective method of preservation. In fact, our own Historic District was created because of the concern that there was significant change happening within the area of the town common--several buildings had been moved to other areas of town, one had been demolished.

During the past year we held four public hearings regarding proposed work within the Historic District. The commission reviewed designs and all were ultimately approved. It was an exciting year to see new business move into the District. Kristina's Bakery and Station 5 Hair Salon opened in 2007. There is ongoing work at 5 North Main and we're excited about the possibilities at that location. We would like to express our appreciation to all of the new business owners for their efforts in working together with us to maintain the historic character of the common. We worked closely with The Stone House Museum to help them select appropriate replacement windows for their building. A CPA Grant funded some of this work. A major goal for the Historic District Commission in 2008 will be to work on addressing the lack of parking on the north end of the common. We hope to find a viable solution to this problem in 2008.

For the fifth year, the Historic District Commission was pleased to present its annual preservation awards. This has become an annual event for properties located within the historic district. The property owner's chosen were recognized for their efforts in safeguarding the historic integrity of their homes for future generations to enjoy. These buildings are significant to the history of Belchertown and add a great deal to the town's character. The individuals who are recipients of the 2007 preservation awards are being commended for their contribution to the community. These buildings are significant to the history and development of Belchertown and contribute to its character. The 2007 preservation awards winners are:

~The Lincoln Cook House~ owned by Linda and Jack Ahern from Pelham. This house, with the distinguished, square-hipped roof, is situated at 47 Main Street. It was built between 1819-1824 by Moses Young. Young was a cabinetmaker from Athol. George Nye, another cabinetmaker, also lived here and had a grocery in the basement, selling drinks, nuts and candy. Well-known fiddler Timothy Smith Kenfield lived in this building in the later part of the nineteenth century. His daughter Charlotte Cook came into possession of the property in 1911 and it remained in the Cook family for some time. The Aherns have put a significant amount of work into maintaining the property all the while being sensitive in keeping true to the original historic elements of this wonderful house.

*~**The Tertius Cowles House** ~* owned by Lou Sirois at 40 South Main Street. This house was built ca. 1850 on the site of a gambrel-roofed cottage, which burned shortly before. It is Greek Revival in style with pilaster corners and a full pediment front. Tertius Cowles was a prosperous carriage manufacturer. The T.S.D. Cowles shops were located to the rear of this and adjacent properties and were amongst the last of Belchertown's carriage shops to close. The property had been in the Jackson family for over ninety years and was the home of Belding F. Jackson whose column *The Steeple Soliloquizes* appeared in the *Belchertown Sentinel* for many years.

~Deacon Israel Towne House~ owned by Jose and Yuca Marie Vinagre at 60 South Main Street. This is a large Greek Revival style home built ca. 1830. In the middle of the eighteenth century Levi Arnold, an inventor, jeweler and mechanic owned the house. Arnold was the inventor of a paper horn, which was used to reduce the tinny sound in gramophones. The Lewis Dillon family lived here around the turn of the twentieth century and extensively remodeled the house. There are several large barns at the rear. Carl and Maxine Peterson raised their family in this house. Mr. Peterson had been superintendent of schools. The Vinagre's have done significant restoration and repair on this house without changing the original appearance.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the state. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre, Chairman
Rob Condon
Peter Roberts
Denis Smith
Jonathan Spiegel

Historical Commission

Members

Leslie E. Squires – Chairman
Steven Cole
Sue Fulton
Shannon Materka
Maxine Oland
Alice Pellissier
F. Knowlton Utley

Associate Members

Judy Fuller Gillan
Erika Hamilton

At the start of the year the Belchertown Historical Commission reviewed the progress on its Demolition Delay Bylaw, a piece of legislation that would impose a delay before the demolition of Belchertown's historic buildings. After with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, we decided that for the Bylaw to be effective we would need a master list of the historic structures in town. We decided we did not have an accurate list. We decided to table our Demolition Delay Bylaw until such time as we had an accurate list.

In order to create the list, we recognized the need to expand the house surveys that were started years ago. In the 1970s, the Historical Commission wrote the book, "Along Country Roads", and did the research necessary to create the National Register Historic District in the center of town. This is a very good starting point, but does not include the outlying areas of town. Using the town tax records, we identified 174 historic structures built before 1900 that had not been identified. We realized that we needed to hire experts.

We submitted for a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to allow us to hire a company that would professionally complete the survey for us. We applied for, and received a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for $ 15,000 to hire a preservation professional, pending the receipt of matching local funds. We applied for matching funds from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The $ 25,000 CPC grant was approved at the annual Town Meeting in May.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) overseas the first phase of the survey project, which will cost $ 25,000. In July Leslie Squires and Maxine Oland journeyed to Boston to the MHC offices, where we met with Michael Steinitz, Director of Preservation and Planning Division, and his assistant Peter Stott. They helped us to write a Request for Proposals, and in September we hires the preservation planning firm of Fitzgerald & Holliday, Inc. of Connecticut. In October Mr. Squires and Ms. Oland went to Boston to meet with Steven Bradford and Stacy Vairo, from Fitzgerald & Holliday and MHC personnel to go over the contract and timeline for completion. This project will be completed by June 2008. Future survey work is also being planned.

Submitted by,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Historical Commission

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued 54 new construction-building permits for single-family residences, four new construction-building permits for condos and five new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2007. This represents ten less than the 2006 figure of 68 for single-family construction.

The total number of building permits for the year totaled 507. This includes all single-family homes, additions, demolitions, sheds, garages, barns, etc. There was a slight decrease in building permits in comparison to previous years.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

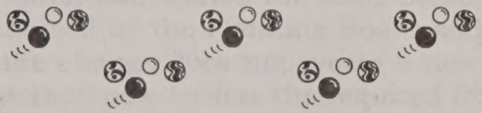
David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector, and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Douglas Rae is serving as Assistant Electrical Inspector.

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. With the invaluable help of volunteers and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were still able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, baton twirling and soccer. Additional programming offered this year included Yoga, Line Dancing and Swing Dance Classes. Those ages 3 to adults were able to enjoy such summer programs as art classes, Take-A-Hike, and canoeing or kayaking. We introduced a new program that combined art and science and our Outdoor Adventure Week was a great success.

We continued our overall beautification of the town beach by adding even more play sculptors for our young visitors and continuing with our landscape improvements. Our summer of enjoyable weather along with a few special events held throughout the beach season once again increased our daily attendance.



With the support of our loyal patrons we have been able to continue to offer many different aquatic services. We are continuing to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools and local boys and girls scout troops continued to use the facility this past year.

The Belchertown Recreation Department experiences many sad moments this year with the passing of our dear friend and coworker Barbara Lee who we had the honor to work side by side with for 10 years.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members included Maureen Wildey, who left the Board in June; Kathleen Monast, who left the Board in August; Jeanne Bell; Sharon Riley; Julie Peck; and Joe Bernard, who joined the Board in November.

The following job descriptions were acted upon during 2007:

- Council on Aging Department Assistant II
- Senior Center Social Services/Outreach Coordinator
- Animal Control Officer II/Department Head
- Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator
- Administrative Assistant, Senior Center
- Supportive Day Program Coordinator, Senior Center
- Supportive Day Program Coordinator Assistant, Senior Center
- Program and Volunteer Coordinator, Senior Center
- Public Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, DPW
- Maintenance Division Working Foreman, DPW
- Highway Division Supervisor, DPW
- Highway Working Foreman, DPW
- WWTP Operations Supervisor, DPW
- WWTP Operator II, DPW
- Transfer Station Supervisor, DPW
- Department Assistant II, DPW
- Assistant Town Accountant
- Administrative Assistant, Recreation Department
- Pool Operator and Maintenance, Recreation Department

The Board approved changing the Veterans' Agent position from part-time to full-time.

The Board voted to recommend to Annual Town Meeting an increase of the hourly wages of employees covered by the Personnel By-Law by 2% in July 2007, and by an additional 1% in January 2008.

Improvements made to the administrative functioning of the Personnel Board include requiring that position descriptions and other agenda items requiring Board attention be received electronically at least five days before the next posted meeting to allow inclusion in the posted agenda and review of materials in advance of the meeting. Board decisions are forwarded to the Town Accountant at the close of the Personnel Board meetings to permit timely administrative action.

Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Board Members
Jeanne Bell
Joe Bernard
Julie Peck
Sharon Riley

Planning Board

Development was slower in 2007, but there were still important proposals and projects that promise to change Belchertown. Although residential development was slight contrasted to previous years, there were still subdivisions under construction and more being designed. Non-residential building continued. The Inspection Services report has a breakdown of new house building permits issued for the year.

Community Plan:

The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen have initiated the five-year update of the Community Plan. The Selectmen appointed the Community Plan Steering Committee to facilitate this process. The Steering Committee meets monthly. The steering committee has actively sought comments from Belchertown's residents – the Committee has posted a survey on the town's web site and held a public forum. The steering committee has also worked with the town's weekly newspaper, the Sentinel, for further publicity.

During early 2008, the Steering Committee will integrate the public's comments and provide a draft of the revised plan for public review. The intent is to have the plan complete by May town meeting.

The Steering Committee members are:

Bernie Schliemann
Judy Gillan
Linda LeDuc
Woody Sherman
Chris Laurenzo
Jon Clements
Ron Aponte

The Committee has benefited greatly from the use of UMass interns, Mario Teran and Evan Aird, who have done much of the detailed work. The Town Planner, Doug Albertson, is staff to the steering committee.

The Selectmen and the Planning Board encourage all of you to be involved in guiding the Town's growth. There is much going on and everyone is affected.

Development Activity:

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Five new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. This is a drastic drop in such lot creation; for example 2006 had 54 ANR lots, and that was a drop from 88 in 2005, and even 106 in 2002. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Turkey Hill Road	2
Franklin Street	1
Munsell Street	1
North Washington Street	1
South Liberty Street	1
South Street	1

Preliminary Subdivision Plans: no preliminary subdivision plan was submitted in 2007. A preliminary subdivision plan is an opportunity for a developer and the Planning Board to negotiate a project in its early stages before the binding obligations of a definitive subdivision submittal. Preliminary plans are not required for residential subdivisions, but are required for all non-residential subdivisions. A preliminary plan in many ways protects a developer by prompting a "freeze" on certain regulatory changes that may take effect within a certain amount of time. As long as the preliminary plan is followed by the submittal of a definitive plan within seven months, changes such as zoning or subdivision regulations do not apply to that project. This is true even if the Planning Board does not approve a preliminary plan.

Definitive Subdivision Plans: Two definitive subdivision plans were reviewed during 2007. These were Oasis Drive, off Munsell Street with sixteen house lots, and Crestview Drive, off Barton Avenue with fourteen lots. A definitive subdivision plan was submitted for Hickory Hill, off George Hannum Road. This is under review at the year's end.

The Planning Board monitored 19 subdivisions under construction during 2007, including the ones noted above.

Completed Subdivisions: No subdivision was completed in 2007

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan approvals:

- An office and performance studio on State Street;
- Pride Park at the corner of State Street and Turkey Hill Road, including separate site plans for Tractor Supply and Grand Lumber;
- An additional office building next to the new courthouse on State Street;
- An expansion of the office building and gym on Turkey Hill Road;
- The new Quabbin Service Center on the corner of Sargent Street and Chadbourne Road;
- Stop and Shop gas station on Federal Street;
- An auto repair shop on the corner of Federal Street and Raymond Drive.

Plans for a second office building for Windmere, LLC on Bridge Street were submitted, and then withdrawn.

No common driveway applications were submitted in 2007. Two common driveway certificates of completion were issued, one for a driveway off Pine Street, and the other for a driveway off Rockrimmon Street.

Planning Projects and Recommendations:

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Compliance With the Belchertown Community Plan:

The Planning Board continued implementing the recommendations of the Community Plan. Some of the actions include:

- Worked with developers to provide accessible open space and preserved land in their projects.
- Worked with property owners and the Selectmen to begin to address parking in the town center.
- Begun studying parking lot alternatives, including new pavement technologies, flexible requirements, less obtrusive lighting, and better landscaping and storm water management.
- Worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on two Smart Growth grants from the state – one to improve our open space community development bylaw, one to develop a permitting flow chart for all departments. We've begun work with funding from another Smart Growth grant to review the town's sign bylaw.
- Initiated with the Board of Selectmen the five-year evaluation and revision of the Community Plan. The planning board funds this project and provides staff.

Other Work of the Planning Department:

The Town Planner continues to oversee the town's Geographic Information System (GIS). There is an Internet version of the GIS, accessible via the town's web site. The main system has been not been funded for several years and needs attention.

The Planning Board's web site linked via the town hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans.

The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues.

Board Membership:

The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- Louis Faassen, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2008);
- James Natle, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2009);
- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2010);
- Daniel Beaudette, Vice Chair (term expires: 2011);
- Christopher Laurenzo, (term expires: 2012);
- Ronald Akins, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (appointed annually.).

Past members during the year:
Donald Pipczynski, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits (resigned).

Staff:

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive in 2007, providing quality professional; services to the Belchertown community with limited resources. Our department's call volume and activity continues to increase each year.

Our dispatch center received 19,189 calls for services; we received 8,119 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 371 arrests, for a total of 937 incidents. Officers issued 1,612 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 255 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department continues to be proactive and embrace the community policing philosophy, offering several community-based policing programs through a community police grant received yearly from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, and the Citizen Police Academy.

The 11-week Citizen Police Academy program enables the residents to meet and be instructed by Belchertown Officers and learn about various aspects of police work. The program is offered twice a year and continues to receive responses. It continues to be a major component of our department's community policing programs.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department this past year assigned a new full time School Resource Officer to work within the middle and high school. Officer Jason Krol was selected and is assigned duties between the High School and Jabish Brook Middle School, assisting staff and students, providing security and school based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. . The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within our School District and through this cooperation continued to keep funding in place for this position this past year. The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; the Police Department and the School Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence. The Police Department continues to work with the community's senior population through the T.R.I.A.D program and the local S.A.LT (seniors and law enforcement working together) The Police Department and the Senior Center committee meet on a monthly basis and work on special projects throughout the course of the yea. This group is always looking for and would welcome new members.

Belchertown Police Officers with cooperation of the Belchertown Recreation Department continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. Women and children continue to receive the programs with overwhelming response enthusiasm. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior women so they could receive classroom credit for the program. The RAD kids program through the efforts of our school department, Swift River Elementary School and the Police Department piloted the program at the 2nd grade level with great success. A special thank you to Marilyn Higgins who was the teacher of the program and initiated the programs success

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program. This program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our community's children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year on a monthly basis. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants throughout the course of the year. The Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Clicket or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues.

This past year a fundraising effort was initiated to bring a very important program to our agency, the K-9 program. This program will assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residences of Belchertown safe. The program initiative is ongoing and will be implemented sometime in the spring of 2008.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year promoted two part-time police officers to full-time positions: Jason Christofori and Linnea Bernard. Officer James Daniels was promoted to Detective this past September and presently is involved in the investigative duties of our agency. Two part-time officers joined the Police Department this past year: Officer Michael Beaupre and Officer Matthew Benoit. The Belchertown Police Department hired two part-time dispatchers this past year to assist with our dispatch operations: Chris Hartling and Beth Chudzik.

It was with great sadness that our department mourned the passing of Detective Kevin Truehart this past year. Detective Truehart, who was a dedicated and veteran officer of 27 years of service, passed away in August of 2007. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residences of Belchertown safe.

Respectively Submitted

Francis R. Fox Jr.
Chief of Police

Belchertown Public Schools

Superintendent's Report

School Department highlights in 2007 included making adjustments for specific student enrollment increases at the lower and upper grade levels, increasing programs and services for students requiring compensatory assistance, first year implementation of the school district's new five-year goals, continuing to earn solid AYP and MCAS scores, enhancing the electronic communication system to provide increased information and more cost-effective communication with the school community; and learning that the Superintendent of Schools would be retiring in June of 2009 after fifteen years of dedicated service to the school district

Although student enrollments in grades three through eight began to level off, increases in grades kindergarten through two and in grades nine through twelve were recorded. In particular, kindergarten had the largest student enrollment in its entire history with over two hundred students being registered. Larger classes also continued to work their way upward into grades nine through twelve, with the largest ninth grade enrollment ever in the high school's history with two hundred and twenty eight students (i.e., the first class in Belchertown High School's history to exceed two hundred students). Funding for additional kindergarten personnel and classroom sections were added to kindergarten to meet the legal kindergarten class size requirement; however, no additional funding became available to offset the larger class sizes in grades one and two and in grades nine through twelve.

As the result of receiving additional special education grant funding from the state and federal governments, the school district was able to add and expand programs and services for students with special needs. New compensatory programs were added such as a self-contained kindergarten classroom at CSS and a behavior-based self-contained classroom at CHCS for students with intense special needs. Expansions included more services for students requiring speech articulation assistance by adding speech assistant positions, increasing district-wide assistive technology support for students requiring specialized adaptive technology, and adding tutors to help students with second language acquisition skills. In addition, extensive specialized training for paraprofessionals in CPR, first aid, and physical restraint were added and implemented district-wide to improve the delivery of support services.

First year implementation of the new five-year district-wide goals was a major focus in 2007. Initial accomplishments included, but were not limited to: 1) although being known for having very clean and safe buildings and grounds, the school district implemented a new monthly walk-around inspection of all school facilities between the Director of Buildings & Grounds and each Principal utilizing a newly developed check- list; 2) making progress on implementing priority capital improvement projects by completing work on the CSS roof and on a portion of the CSS ventilators, successfully having the town vote to replace the CHCS roof which will be completed during the summer of 2008, and irrigating the BHS baseball and softball fields; 3) modifying each school's Code of Conduct to improve the already safe school environments and completing a district-wide assessment by students to identify health and safety concerns both in school and out in the community; 4) developing formal programs at each school-site to recognize and celebrate individual student achievement and citizenship; 5) significantly increasing training for paraprofessional personnel to improve the delivery of student support services; 6) revising all school-site curriculum outline guides to enhance curricula articulation on a district-wide basis; 7) development of a funding and implementation plan to enhance the upgrade of computer technology in all schools; 8) development and implementation of internal evaluations of district-wide and school-site management systems to identify both strengths and areas requiring improvements; and 9) developing and approving new school personnel evaluation criteria for secretaries and paraprofessionals.

The news regarding student test results related to the federal *"No Child Left Behind"* AYP (Advanced Yearly Progress) annual evaluation of public schools and the state MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) assessment of public schools was very positive. Belchertown School District's AYP/MCAS results in English/Language Arts indicated that the district performed at a High Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. Regarding subgroups, the results indicated that the Special Education Subgroups in English/ Language Arts (Grades 3-8) were still challenged regarding AYP. Belchertown School District's AYP/MCAS results in Mathematics indicated that the district performed at a Moderate Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. Regarding subgroups, the results indicated that the Special Education Subgroups in Mathematics (Grades 6-8) were still challenged regarding AYP. Regarding results at each school level:

Belchertown High School (Grade10)

Belchertown High School's Grade 10 AYP/MCAS results indicated that, in both English and Mathematics, BHS performed at a Very High Level and was On Target in both areas regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. In western Massachusetts BHS had the third highest score in English and had the 4th highest score in Mathematics. BHS had significant gains in the number of students moving from Proficient to Advanced and decreases in both Needs Improvement and Failing in both English and Mathematics.

BHS was also informed that fifty-one students, as the result of earning very high MCAS scores, earned state-funded John and Abigail Adams scholarships for four years of free tuition to any Massachusetts state university of college.

Jabish Brook Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Jabish Brook Middle School's AYP/MCAS results indicated that, in English/Language Arts, JBMS performed at a Very High Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. In Mathematics, JBMS performed at a Moderate Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. In Grade 8 English/ Language Arts, JBMS slightly decreased the number of students earning Advanced, increased the number of students earning Proficient, and decreased the number of students earning Needs Improvement and Warning. In Grade 8 Mathematics, JBMS increased the number of students earning Advanced and decreased the number of students in Proficient, Needs Improvement and Warning. In Grade

7 the English/Language Arts scores remained unchanged, and in Mathematics there was a slight increase in the number of students earning Advanced, decreases in the number of students earning Proficient and Needs Improvement, and an increase in the number of students earning Warning.

Chestnut Hill Community School (Grades 4, 5, & 6)

Chestnut Hill Community School's AYP/MCAS results indicated that, in English/Language Arts, CHCS performed at a High Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. In Mathematics, CHCS performed at a Moderate Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. In Grade 6 English/Language Arts, student scores remained unchanged. In Grade 6 Mathematics, more students earned Advanced and Proficient and fewer students earned Needs Improvement and Warning. In Grade 5 English/Language Arts, student scores remained unchanged with slightly fewer students earning Advanced and slightly more students earning Proficient. In Grade 5 Mathematics, there was no change at Advanced, more students earned Proficient and Needs Improvement, and significantly fewer students earned Warning. In Grade 4 English/Language Arts, student scores remained basically unchanged with slightly fewer students earning Warning In Grade 4 Mathematics, fewer students earned Advanced, more students earned Proficient, slightly more students earned Needs Improvement, and fewer students earned Warning.

Swift River Elementary School (Grade 3)

Swift River Elementary School's AYP/MCAS results indicated that, in English/Language Arts, SRE performed at a High Level, but made no additional advancement toward being On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. In Mathematics, SRE performed at a Moderate Level and was On Target regarding expected improvement toward the 2014 AYP target. SRE did not make the AYP target in English/Language in the Special Education Subgroup, resulting in a requirement to develop and submit to D.O.E. a Corrective Action Plan for improvement. In Grade 3 Reading, there were fewer student scores in Advanced, more student scores in Proficient, slightly fewer scores in Needs Improvement, and more scores in Warning. In Grade 3 Mathematics, significantly more students earn earned Advanced, fewer students earned Proficient, significantly fewer student earned Needs Improvement, and fewer students earned Warning.

The continued expansion of the school district's and each school-site's electronic communication systems to provide increased information and more cost-effective communication with the school community was a focus in 2007. At the district level (www.belchertownps.org) additional categories of information were added to the web site with linkages to each school-site's web page. Almost every conceivable school district document for public access was placed on the web site for review and downloading by the school community. In addition, school-sites enhanced their own web pages and added important school-specific documents and notices for parent and student access. Of special significance was the addition of a new protected web site program implemented at BHS where parents can confidentially access up-to-date course grades and progress reports from teachers for their children, with the goal of adding the same program to JBMS and then on down the line to CHCS and SRE in the future.

Finally, in the early fall of 2007, the Superintendent of Schools announced that he would be retiring in June of 2009 after fifteen wonderful years of service to Belchertown Public Schools.

As Superintendent of Schools, I continue to be fortunate to work under the direction of a dedicated school committee and along side school personnel and parent volunteers who are committed to providing nothing less than quality programs and services for Belchertown Public School students.

School Business Manager's Report

During 2007, the School Department's formal procedures for monitoring its budget spending continued to result in the effective use of its financial resources to provide and support quality education for all Belchertown students.

The custodial staff continued to maintain a high standard of cleanliness for all school facilities. The high standard was achieved through supervised routine day-to-day cleaning activities as well as Robert Lachance's, Director of Buildings and Grounds, establishment and implementation of building repair and preventative maintenance priority lists. The lists included, but were not limited to parking lot repairs at Cold Spring School and Jabish Brook Middle School and courtyard concrete repairs at Chestnut Hill Community School. The Town of Belchertown, at the town meeting on May 15, 2007, approved funding of $36,000 from the Community Preservation Act for Belchertown High School's new baseball and softball field irrigation systems. The irrigation systems were installed in the fall of 2007. In May 2007, the citizens of Belchertown also voted to approve bonding to replace the leaky roof at Chestnut Hill Community School for $800,000, to be completed during the summer of 2008.

The Belchertown School Lunch Program continued to maintain student participation levels above the state average, which reached a very high 77% participation rate under the leadership of Ann Marie Beaupre, the Director of Food Services, with assistance from her hardworking food service staff. The Belchertown School Lunch Program continued to adhere to the Belchertown Public Schools Wellness Policy as required by federal law. Also, the Belchertown School District continued to purchase locally grown produce and the nutrients of all menus were made available on the Belchertown Public Schools web site for daily review. The food service department provided food for several special school events during 2007, including snacks before students took MCAS tests.

The Belchertown School District continued to provide bus transportation for all students. First Student, Inc., safely transported all regular education students in grades kindergarten through twelve to and from the schools. In August 2007, Belchertown Public Schools added an additional bus for a total of twenty-two buses for regular transportation to meet the demands of a growing and spread-out community. In addition, through a contract with Van Pool Transportation Company, the School District provided van transportation for many students requiring special accommodations. Also, school bus transportation continued to be provided for students participating in JBMS after school activities and for BHS athletic trips.

Special Education Director's Report

One major focuses of the 2007 school year was the Department of Education Mid-Cycle Review Audit. This audit took place in April 2007 and focused on our new programs, protocols, and procedures that the district put in place as a response to the Corrective Action Plan contained within the 2004 Coordinated Program Review Audit. The Mid-Cycle Review Audit found that the school district was in complete compliance with all state and federal Special Education regulations. The district also continued to submit data to the Department of Education as part of the new "Cohort" requirements and was also found to be in complete compliance with all regulations governing those submissions.

The school district continued to enhance and refine compensatory programs and services as presented in its "Continuum of Services" Program Guide and provided special education services for approximately 491 students during the school year. All of the new and re-structured programs that were initiated in 2006 were continued in 2007. These programs included co-taught classrooms (i.e., taught by both a regular education and special education teacher), pull-out resource room programs, behavior modification classrooms, and language-learning classrooms at Swift River Elementary School and Chestnut Hill Community School. All programs were continued at Jabish Brook Middle School, including the pull-out language-learning program, the pull-out resource room programs, the learning skills programs, and the co-taught classrooms. The new center for specialized instruction continued at Belchertown High School, along with the pull-out resource room programs, the learning skills program, the language-learning program, and co-taught and supported classrooms. A new developmental kindergarten classroom began at Cold Spring School in September of 2007 to serve the needs of our growing kindergarten population.

Due to the availability of both new and re-structured in-district programs, the school district continued to be able to serve more needs of most students in-district rather than sending students out-of-district at a much higher cost. Also because of the new programs, more students returned to in-district programs during school year 2007.

Early Childhood Center (CSS) and Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report

Both the Cold Spring School and Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2007 school year. The following individuals joined our staff in the respective positions: Stacy Monette, Assistant Principal at both CSS and Jabish Brook Middle School; Kathryn King, Generalist for Kindergarten; Tiffany Hoar, Part-Time Co-Taught Kindergarten Teacher; Alison Morra, Grade One Special Education Teacher; Regina Magarian, Pathways Teacher; Bianca Schliemann, Grade One Teacher; April Prior, Preschool Teacher; Pamela Davis, Grade Three Teacher; and Barbara MacKenzie-Rodgers ELL Director & Title I Coordinator. All newly hired personnel participate in a beginning teacher's Mentoring Program where they were assigned to meet with an experienced veteran teacher throughout the school year. Together, we educated 261 preschoolers and kindergarteners at

CSS and 585 students in grades one, two, and three at SRE.

During the summer of 2007, many teachers participated a continuing professional development course entitled, "Make and Take", taught by Kathy Dubuque and held at the SRE School. All of the kindergarten and first grade teachers were also trained in the Telian-Cas "Lively Letters" program funded by a state grant. This grant also supported the training of all teachers in the innovative "Handwriting Without Tears" instructional techniques.

One of the highlights this year, was the development and implementation of our Character of Education program entitled, "It's All About Character". Each month a specific character trait was spotlighted and practiced through discussion, role playing, literature and social skills lessons. Some of the traits included respect, responsibility, tolerance, honesty and citizenship. At the end of each month 2 students were nominated from each classroom who best exhibited the specified character trait. A monthly award ceremony was held by the Assistant Principal, Robert Kuhn, recognized each student publicly. Other new programs were the Junior Achievement and Student Banking Programs. Everyone worked collaboratively to provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience.

A spectacular "Family Arts Night" was hosted by SRE Art Teacher, Cathy Kenneally, and was held in the spring for third graders and their families. The participants painted beautiful and colorful murals on the SRE cafeteria walls depicting historical sites throughout Belchertown. There was also an exhibition of adult creative work by faculty and staff displayed in a gallery type setting promoting the appreciation of visual and performing arts.

The year culminated with a noteworthy event supported and funded by our very energetic and generous PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). The new SRE playground became a reality over the summer bringing delight to all the students and a true sense of accomplishment for the extremely organized and diligent board members who raised over $77,000 to complete this worthwhile project. The PTO also began to raise funds for the renovation of the CSS playground.

With advice and assistance from CSS/SRE School Council members, the highlighted accomplishments in this report, and many others that are too numerous to mention, became a reality. School Council members were: Sandra Bremer, co-chair/Principal; Elise Wright, co-chair/parent representative; Shannon Synan, parent representative; George Oulundsen, III, parent representative; Heidi Oldenburg, teacher representative; Lee Harder, teacher representative, and Hazel Hardaker, community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank CSS/SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives. We have reached several of our goals outlined in the CSS/SRE School Improvement Plan and look forward to continued success in the next year.

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report

In 2007, Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can be successful and be deserving of recognition for their special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated instruction and individualized learning strategies, and with the support from family, the CHCS dedicated staff strived to educate every child to be academically successful, socially responsible, and a life-long learner.

During the fall of 2007, CHCS welcomed many new talented educators to the existing faculty and staff. New staff members, including those hired as the result of retirements, were: Thomas Welch, Assistant Principal; Joshua Guerraz, General Music Teacher; Christopher Mogavero, Physical Education Teacher; Patricia Lavigne, Grade Four Teacher; Gisela Leven, Grade Four Special Education Teacher; Mary Beth Centorino, Grade Six Special Education Teacher; and Katherine Duffy, Self-Contained Special Education Teacher.

Much of CHCS faculty time and energy continued to be focused on implementing improved instructional practices based on data driven research (i.e. as the result of MCAS other assessments of student achievement). The faculty participated in many professional development activities including those focused on analyzing current mathematical instructional approaches, MCAS test result analysis, special education programming and service delivery, and curriculum development (e.g., guidelines, resources, and assessments). Faculty and staff worked closely with the Swift River Elementary School staff and faculty to research various reading texts for future adoption. Implementation of the Everyday Math Program continued across all grade levels at CHCS.

Co-taught inclusion classrooms continue to be a vital necessity in effectively meeting the needs and special needs of all students in the classroom. Each inclusion classroom was assigned two teachers, one regular education and one special education, who planned strategies and specially-designed instruction to meet the needs of all students.

CHCS expanded its very successful Banking Program. The program began in January, 2007, with a grade four pilot program and was expanded through grade six in September, of 2007. The Banking Program was designed to help students learn about the value of saving money.

In the spring of 2007, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards was held at the Log Cabin where Susanne Boyea, Grade Four Teacher, was recognized as an award recipient. A lovely dinner was hosted for other western Massachusetts recipients and Sue, which her family attended.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2007 year were the efforts and contributions gained from our Parent-Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Volunteer Program at all grade levels. Many dedication and hard-working faculty and students took part in productions, such as: "Scrooge", "The Wizard of Oz", "The

Improbable History of the Iliad and the Odyssey", "Everything You Wanted To Know About Six Grade But Were Afraid To Ask", the annual Holiday Concert, the Veterans' Day Program, DARE Graduation, and Arbor Day.

All accomplishments of CHCS were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who help to make 2007 an exceptional year!

Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report

Administration, faculty, support staff, students, parents, and guardians collaborative efforts resulted in another successful year for JBMS (Jabish Brook Middle School) in 2007. The continuation of a very strong academic curriculum and the establishment of new traditions within the middle school continued to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for our students.

Annual events included the following: the National Geographic Geography Bee in January; Career Day Activities and high school information sessions in February; "March Madness" Spirit Week and the Winter Concert performed by the JBMS Band in March; and in May, MCAS testing as well as the Great East Music Festival. In June, a student/faculty volleyball tournament was followed by class trips to Lake Compounce and Six Flags, as well as our Eighth Grade Celebration and Aloha dance, held at BHS to symbolize the transition of our students to the high school.

To prepare students for the challenges of moving on to high school and to successfully transition students in from the intermediate school, a team teaching model to foster a student centered educational environment continued at JBMS. This transitional model began in June with the Step-Up Day presentation to sixth grade students, and picked up again in August with our Student Orientation Session. In September, all students were offered a two-week study skills session during X-Block for the start of school, to provide students time to transition to the academic rigors of the middle school level. September also brought the first ever JBMS booth at the Belchertown Fair, supported by the faculty, staff and students of the Student Council and the JBMS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

MCAS testing results received in late October continued to show that JBMS students compared favorably with students throughout the state. November and December provided an opportunity for our students to be involved in community activities, including support for local food, clothing and toy drives, as well as our JBMS Band Concert. Students participated in the community choral concert, the JBMS Winter Concert, and for the first time, a volunteer caroling music presentation.

The after school program continued through 2007 to provide enrichment activities for middle school students. Financial resources from outside the school budget were required to support this valuable program. The after school program continued to provide such activities as jewelry-making, MCAS remediation, homework club, unicycle, aerobics, scrap-booking and even knitting. Attendance rates indicate that the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS continued to provide interesting and productive activities for our students.

The JBMS master schedule continued to provide both enrichment and remediation opportunities for students during the school day. X-Block time was used for academic review, interdisciplinary activities, and for MCAS testing preparation. Co-teaching classrooms continued at JBMS to align with the expanded continuum of services model.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents, and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting all the diverse needs of middle school students. It is through the cooperative effort of the school community that JBMS was able to continue to be a successful and productive learning environment.

High School (BHS) Principal's Report

2007 was a very busy and exciting year at Belchertown High School. It was also a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School as we prepared the Self Study Report for our ten-year accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that will take place in April of 2008. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable agency to award accreditation in the New England area. The Belchertown High School Community looked forward to this opportunity as a chance for self-reflection, as well as, commendations and recommendations from a team of objective, fellow educators.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Nina Lelic and Ms. Samantha Presnal as award recipients for 2007. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School for Nina, Samantha, their parents, and other Western Massachusetts recipients.

In May, Mrs. Judy Bettencourt was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognized outstanding educators who demonstrated professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reached above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Mrs. Bettencourt was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as an art teacher and advisor to the National Art Honor Society. Congratulations to Mrs. Bettencourt and also to Mrs. Andrea Mastalerz (CSSS) and Mrs. Sue Boyea (CHCS) for being the recipients of this very special honor.

On Saturday, June 9th, 192 members of the Class of 2007, the largest class ever, graduated from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in our beautifully decorated gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of this class. Mr. Stephen Vigneux delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Mr. Agustus Erskine, president of the class, Ms.

Nina Lelic, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Samantha Presnal, salutatorian of the class. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2007. Over $120,000 in scholarships were awarded to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not have been possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2007, Belchertown High School also said goodbye to four staff members. Mr. Michael Beresky retired from the Science Department, Mr. Allen Hsiao, retired from the Math Department, Mr. Daniel Bergeron retired from his position as Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Paula Miron retired as secretary from the Guidance Office. Mr. Beresky, Mr. Hsiao, Mr. Bergeron, and Mrs. Miron were well respected by their students and colleagues. They gave so much to the Belchertown High School community and we thank them for being excellent educators who were committed to their profession. We will miss them very much and we wish them all the best as they enjoy this special time in their lives!

On Wednesday, August 29th, 780 students and 110 faculty and staff members filled the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium for Opening Day convocation. During the convocation ceremony, new educators and new students were recognized. Our new educators included: Mrs. Louise Levy, Science teacher, Ms. Suzanne Bowes, Math teacher, Mr. Kyle Landrio, math teacher, Mr. Hank Girardin, Social Studies teacher, and Mr. Michael Richard, Assistant Principal. The students, faculty, and staff were very excited about the 2007 – 2008 school year and looked forward to the many opportunities and challenges that they would encounter in the new year.

On October 5th, a Spirit Assembly was held in the gymnasium. The Belchertown High School Marching Band opened the assembly with the playing of the National Anthem. Spirit and enthusiasm filled the gym. Recognition was given to several different individuals and groups during the assembly. All new faculty, staff, and students were recognized. The winter, spring, and fall athletic teams were recognized for their success. Friendly competitions between classes took place. Holding a Spirit Assembly so early in the school year helped to create a positive climate in the building.

On November 9th, a Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Anthony Regan, a veteran of World War II, was awarded his high school diploma. Also in November, our fall athletes enjoyed post-season play. Taylor Lewis qualified as a State Finalist for the Girls' Cross Country team for the third consecutive year.

During the week of November 12th, Education Appreciation Week, the Classes of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and Student Council recognized the faculty and staff with cards and small tokens of their appreciation for all that they do.

In December, 51 members of the Class of 2008 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students, who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college or university, will receive four years of free tuition.

As we close out 2007, the Belchertown High School Community could not be more proud of what our students, teachers, and education support personnel have accomplished throughout the year. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. Belchertown High School students and faculty continue to bring great pride to the community. Belchertown High School is a very special place filled with people who truly care about one another. It is a great place to both teach and learn as we foster academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. With the addition of the town of Warren to the District, the school committee currently consists of ten members. As 2007 was not an election year, all members continued in office, although the position to be held by a Warren resident is currently vacant. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Curriculum

Pathfinder students have continued to "hold their own" and have demonstrated continued improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The number of students who scored in the "Advanced" category continued to be encouraging. Also, 97% of the sophomores passed the ELA portion during the March testing period, and 91% passed the mathematics portion. These results clearly indicate the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS performance. For the fifth consecutive cycle, Pathfinder met the standard for "Adequate Yearly Progress" prescribed in the "No Child Left Behind" law.

In an effort to address the upcoming science portion of MCAS, teachers continued to fine-tune the scope and sequence of the science curriculum to include several sections of Engineering and Technology.

To accompany the high quality curriculum mapping done in mathematics, the Department purchased a new set of Algebra I books so that all students taking that course would have the advantage of the same material. In addition, an Algebra II course for entering 9th graders was designed to challenge those students who had already taken Algebra I.

The school committee also approved a $40,000 appropriation for the general area of "student assessment." Those funds were utilized to purchase and install the computerized Reading program entitled *Read 180.* The funds also enabled the school to acquire equipment that will assist teachers in scoring and analyzing standardized tests. Both expenditures are expected to help boost students' scores on MCAS.

As we entered our second year of *Project Lead the Way* (PLTW), the staff was and continues to be excited about the potential for this program. Currently a science elective, this offering will eventually lead to a comprehensive and rigorous pre-engineering program involving several technical departments. Our instructors continued to participate in professional development training designed specifically for PLTW during the summer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Following Department of Education approval, Pathfinder offered for the first time two separate programs in Information Technology: Programming and Web Page Design and Office Technology. Additional and updated technology was added to these programs as student numbers continued to increase.

In direct response to local employment needs and a steady increase in students selecting Health Occupations, Pathfinder expanded the program by adding an additional teacher. The school's affiliations with area hospitals and health care facilities continued to provide positive learning experiences for the students, and the expansion of the program should prove beneficial for all concerned.

Pathfinder continued to build on several of the efforts that were launched during the previous school year, including:

- Expansion of the mandatory portfolio requirement in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen and the continued investigation of the use of digital portfolios.
- Reinstitution of the Renaissance Program and the continuation of the trimester system for 2007-08
- Continued on-site staff development in cooperation with Westfield State College, including the course entitled *Standards Based Curriculum in a Vocational Environment.*
- Training in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and OSHA for students and staff as appropriate.
- Alignment of vocational programs with the newly developed state curriculum frameworks in preparation for offering the Certificate of Occupational Proficiency—a new credential for vocational students.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for junior and senior students. These projects also constitute a major portion of the school's commitment to local town departments. The following list is a sample of such efforts completed over the past year:

- Auto Body students and their instructor organized and ran the Annual Pathfinder car show, the proceeds from which benefit the Skills/USA Program at Pathfinder. They also painted grave markers for the local AMVETS.
- Auto Re-conditioning students continued to service vehicles for police, highway, and water departments in member towns. These students continued to sponsor charity car washes.
- Building Services students provided regular maintenance to the Chamber of Commerce offices, Pathfinder offices, and rebuilt a ceremonial bridge for the local Cub Scouts.
- Carpentry students constructed a bench and computer desk for the Palmer Police Department and fashioned podiums for the local American Legion and Amvets.

- Cosmetology students provided services to the member town senior citizen centers. They also participated in the Business Expo sponsored by the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- Culinary arts students planned, prepared, and served meals for numerous local town and civic events. They continue to assist in the preparation of meals for the Elderly Lunch Program at Pathfinder.

- Electrical students improved lighting and wiring to the press box at St. Joe's Ballpark. They also continued to perform services and upgrades to systems in the Pathfinder building.

- HVAC students installed a new air conditioning system for the computer room in Ware High School.

- Machine shop students drilled and threaded grave markers and posts for the local AMVETS. They also designed and machined items to be donated for fund raising events at Top Floor Learning and the Chamber of Commerce, and to honor a number of retiring public officials.

The School's Cooperative Education Program allowed eligible seniors and second-term juniors to receive a paid, career-related job experience in lieu of attending their vocational program at the school. To be considered for and remain in the program, students must have demonstrated above average grades, attendance, and discipline.

Throughout the year, 23 students participated in the program. This "real world" opportunity allowed them to improve upon their previously acquired work ethic and basic skills. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned a fair wage and were exposed to a wide array of technical experiences. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced their skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs.

The ultimate compliment to the students, their parents, and to the school was the number of instances where employers elected to place co-op students on permanent status once they graduate. Similarly, the school was pleased to note that a majority of junior co-op students returned in September with the same employers.

Student Body

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment totaled 664 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 90; Granby 33; Hardwick 20; Monson 85; New Braintree 7; Palmer 179; Ware 120; and Warren 50. The remaining 80 students were residents of out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received over 300 applications for September admissions. Of the applications received, 250 represented applicants for the 175 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Parents or students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In October and November Pathfinder's

Guidance Department visited the 8th graders in our member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free spaghetti dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest; this year the Open House attracted over 300 attendees! In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to attend a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. In addition, the summer Youth Enrichment Program continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process, and a copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end- of- the- year drawing for prizes like music systems and gift cards. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts, assistance from the school committee, as well as generous donations from local businesses. Recently, many faculty members have become involved by providing classroom incentives and rewards for Renaissance cardholders.

At the Twenty-first Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association, Palmer resident Catherine Milkowski represented Pathfinder. Catherine was also selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the Walter J. Markham Award. Catherine, a student in Health Occupations, was a deserving candidate for both awards given her exemplary performance at the school. Over the four years, she earned approximately 20 awards for excellence and outstanding achievement in her academic and technical studies. She has been a member of Tech Prep, Skills/USA, and the National Technical Honor Society as well as a consistent honor roll and Renaissance student. In her junior year, she earned her CNA, and in her senior year she participated in Pathfinder's peer tutoring program to help fellow students struggling with their coursework. Catherine has been immensely successful in Skills/USA since her sophomore year involvement. In the course of three years competing in Basic Health Care Skills, she has won two silver medals in state competitions, a bronze and, in 2007, a gold medal at the national competition in Kansas City. Following graduation, she enrolled in Worcester State College to study biotechnology.

SashaAnna Mitchell of Springfield was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the Massachusetts Vocational Association's Secondary Student Award. SashaAnna was also enrolled in Health Occupations and was a consistent academic and technical award winner. In her four years at Pathfinder, she earned 15 awards for achievement in her studies. She consistently made the honor roll and earned Renaissance recognition, was a member of Tech Prep and the National Technical Honor Society, and worked as a peer tutor her senior year. She also earned her CNA. Following graduation, she enrolled in the Surgical Technician Program at Springfield Technical Community College.

Students who participated in Skills USA competition brought recognition and honor to the school by winning medals at the district, state, and national competitions. For the first time, Pathfinder earned a national gold medal! Health Occupations student Catherine Milkowski earned that gold medal during the 2007 national competition in Kansas City. At the same event, Jeremy Durham brought home a national silver medal in HVAC.

In June 2007, the graduating class of 121students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 60% of the graduates had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, about 35% planned to enter the workforce, while 5% had made commitments to serve in the military. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to be developed, providing an opportunity for students to earn advanced college credit for coursework completed at Pathfinder. Additionally, two seniors successfully participated in the Early College program offered through the local community colleges.

Approximately $37,000 in scholarships-- as well as United States Savings Bonds to students active in the military-- was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2006. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

Student Affairs and Athletics

Members of Pathfinder's Student Council continued their active participation in local service activities. During the Red Cross Blood Drive in May, they collected 63 pints of blood. Once again the Thanksgiving Food Drive resulted in a successful campaign that delivered baskets to Valley Human Services for local needy families.

During what has become an annual event, 9th grade students participated in a Career Fair during which they were able to gather information to help them make a more informed decision on their permanent shop placement.

A number of student activities during the year were designed as fund raisers to supplement monies for field trips and other purposes. Notable examples were the "Penny War" held by the Mentoring Program as a competition between shops as well as the annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Fishing Club.

Under the direction of Faculty Adviser Ann Blake, the Drama Club performed two plays during the year, including *That Dreamer Will Shakespeare* on April 27th and May 4th and *Comic Book Artist* in November.

Pathfinder's athletic teams enjoyed continuing success during 2007:

- Both Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball Teams qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- Wrestling was added as a new varsity sport, faring well in the first season. Adam Blais and Jeremy Lamotte placed in the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The Varsity Baseball Team qualified for the State Vocational Tournament and was the #1 seed in the Small School Division.
- The Varsity Baseball Team also qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- Joe Hess was named to *The Republican's* First Team All-Scholastic Baseball Team for Division 3.
- Nick Aldrich and Laura Couchesne were named Outstanding Senior Athletes for 2007.
- The Varsity Football Team finished in 2nd place and qualified for the Super Bowl playoffs, losing to Dean Tech in overtime.
- Adam Wellington, Steve Salerno, and Kyle Pobliego were named to *The Republican's* first team in Division 3.
- Kyle Phillips was selected to play in the Western Mass. Seniors' All-star soccer game.
- The boys' Varsity Soccer Team received the Soccer Officials' Sportsmanship Award for Western Mass. Division 3 for the second consecutive year.
- Junior Varsity Girls' soccer was added as a new team.

Special Services

During 2007, the Special Education Department continued to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department is committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of all learners in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Through integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency.

Staff members conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews, and diagnostic reviews for 58 students in the MVIP Program and 185 students in grades 9-12.

The Department includes 15 professionally licensed teachers, 7 paraprofessionals, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

Pathfinder continued to provide resource room instruction for all major courses offered in grades 9-12. The required history and science courses align with the state Curriculum Frameworks. Mathematics courses in the resource room feature an integrated approach to algebra and geometry in preparation for the MCAS tests. Resource English includes a variety of novels, short stories, and vocabulary exercises—all in preparation for the MCAS tests. Math, reading, and language arts instruction continued to be supplemented with Title I funded instruction.

This past year, the MVIP Program actually operated above full capacity with 58 students. All six shops offered instruction closely coordinated with Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program included:

- **Office Business**: Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services**: Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of some hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture**: Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning**: Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they provide this service to the public.
- **Food Services**: Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations**: Students learn to maintain the patients' environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a *support* role in the aligned program area. At graduation exercises in June, 9 MVIP students received their certificates.

PATHFINDER 2007 GRANT AWARDS

GRANT	**AMOUNT**	**USE**
P.L. 94-142 (Special Education)	$218,250	Funded 2 SPED staff salaries, 40 evaluations. ESPED software, and supplies.
SPED Improvement	5,000	Supported staff development through which 2 aides received full certification
Tobacco	2,000	Funded sustainable Tobacco Awareness Campaign
BIOTECH Grant	8,800	Provided equipment to expand into DNA tracing and mapping.
Teacher Quality	26,792	Funded portion of Highly Qualified SPED staff salaries.
Tobacco in Media Grants	1,400	Purchased video camera for Health class projects.
PERKINS	85,832	Funded Math Mentor, *Project Lead the Way*, Supported *Standards Based Curriculum* Course.
Innovative Programs	1,986	Provided training to utilize Internet based Renaissance Learning
TITLE 1	88,783	Funded Language Specialist and Math Specialist
Academic Support (School Year)	3,280	Supported the Afternoon MCAS Remediation Programs.
Academic Support (Summer)	9,932	Supported the Summer MCAS Remediation Program
High Schools That Work	20,000	Enabled staff to attend Summer Conference, Funded Afternoon Remediation Program and *HSTW* Coordinator
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)	54,621	Funded Summer Work/Enrichment for 25 disadvantaged youth
WIA – Performance Award Grant	10,000	Offered 1,000 hours of school year employment to Eligible students.
SPED Electronic Portfolio	1,500	Enabled 2 SPED staff members to train to administer alternative MCAS assessments and funded digital camera and scanner
Safe and Drug Free Schools	3,280	Provided teacher training and materials for *PEERS for PEACE* implementation
Technology Enhancement	1,185	20 Seats for Inspiration
POWERUP	500	Electronics Kits
TOTAL	**$543,141.00**	

Special Programs

The School Committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities that took place during the year.

The summer Youth Enrichment Program served 134 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for four one-week sessions during the months of July and early August. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Photography and Web Page Design, Vex Robotics, Electronics, and Environmental Explorers. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning, sports and/or games after lunch, and an hour of free swim in the Palmer High School pool.

The Spring Youth Enrichment Program served 47 participants. This program met for one day per week for two hours. Each student spent eight weeks in his or her chosen specialty area selected from the following: Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, and Robotics.

The Fall Youth Enrichment Program was not offered due to the uncertainty over regulations governing vehicles for student transportation.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board under the Workforce Investment Act and this year received a special additional incentive amount of $10,000 as a result of a favorable review by the granting agency. A total of 25 participants took advantage of this program of part-time employment, including job counseling, academic support, and intensive follow-up by grant-supported staff.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. In order for the program to remain self-sufficient and to be competitive with other area programs, the course fee of $150 has remained unchanged over the past 5 years. Thirteen academic courses were offered for students in grades 8-12.

Additionally, a vocational summer school program was offered during the last week of June. The combined summer school enrollment included 125 students from 9 school districts.

The entire school community was proud of the achievements of the newly formed Robotics Team. Under the direction of the Electronics Department, team members designed and constructed a robot which they entered into competition at an event in Pennsylvania. In their first-ever attempt, the team returned with one of the top prizes and were featured on local television news. The team and their teachers were further honored by being selected to host the *First Robotics* Northeast Competition at Pathfinder in March 2008.

Faculty and Staff

The 2007-08 staff included an additional faculty member in Office Technology supported by Perkins funds and an additional faculty member in Special Education. Like many schools, Pathfinder has begun to experience increasing numbers of retirements. In 2007, the school bade farewell to Toni Kubiak (Special Education); Gary Roszkiewicz (Administration); Joan Markert (Clerical); Charlotte Fogarty (Mathematics); Ruth Cosmopoulos (Cosmetology); and Ed Penniman (Carpentry). At the initial faculty meeting in September, Superintendent Gerald Paist announced the appointment of Anthony Papuga as the new Assistant Director with responsibility in the area of Student Affairs.

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of three Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators. He also completed a two-year term on ACTE's Nominating Committee.

Budget and Finance

As a result of an increase in the number of in-district students—attributed primarily to the addition of the town of Warren-- Pathfinder received $4,792,469 in Chapter 70 monies, $712,712 greater than the previous fiscal year. That welcome news enabled the school committee to adopt a budget that was favorable to a majority of the member towns. The FY08 budget that was ultimately approved by all of the eight member communities was $11,623,077. State aid and other reductions totaling $6,840,068 resulted in an assessment of $4,783,009 to be divided among the member towns according to the regional school budget law and the regional agreement.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 2007-2008

Town	Minimum Contri-bution	Share MVIP Program	Additional Contri-bution	Share of Regular Capital	3rd year of 5 year Capital Plan	Transport-ation	Capital Assess-ment	Total
BELCHER-TOWN	497,801	54,462	129,470	22,069	62,678	21,544	-	788,024
GRANBY	241,657	18,154	57,168	9,745	27,133	9,513	-	363,370
HARDWICK	76,630	9,077	30,266	5,159	10,758	5,063	-	136,926
MONSON	454,815	45,385	134,514	22,928	35,072	22,383	-	715,098
N.BRAINTREE	44,917	0	13,451	2,293	4,045	2,238	-	66,945
PALMER	853,547	81,693	300,975	51,302	47,746	50,082	-	1,385,345
WARE	643,422	90,771	193,364	32,960	33,738	32,175	-	1,026,430
WARREN	160,416	36,308	62,213	10,604	20,979	10,352		300,872
TOTAL	**2,973,205**	**335,851**	**921,420**	**157,060**	**242,150**	**153,323**	-	**4,783,009**

Concluding Statement

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The conclusion of the 2007 year brought continued signs that budgets in FY09 will be significantly impacted by the state of the economy, rising costs of health insurance, and energy. The Committee therefore looks forward to next year with the caution to which it has become accustomed. It is, however, committed to providing the best educational opportunities for workforce development within the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer,
Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael O'Connor, Belchertown
Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby
Robert J. Dupuis, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
George Castonguay, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Vacancy, Warren

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-
Director

Department of Public Works

2007 was an exciting and productive year for the Department. We continued our planning and design efforts for the reconstruction of Route 181, and portions of Three Rivers Road (South Main Street, and North Washington Street). The 25% design plans are complete for both projects, the right-of-ways have been surveyed, wetlands boundaries have been identified, and initial notification has been forwarded to the various environmental agencies. Our year ended with us preparing to begin the 75% design process and permits from a variety of agencies.

The Massachusetts Highway Department continued with their plans to replace the South Street Bridge spanning the Jabish Brook, and the resurfacing of Route 202, from the center of Town to Packardville Road in Pelham. Unfortunately, construction of these two projects did not start in 2007 as expected. However, both projects were advertised for bids and we expect construction activities will start in 2008. The Department also completed a variety of projects, which I will describe by division, below:

Highway Division

The Highway Division's activities during the beginning and end of the year consisted of treating the roads with de-icing agents and plowing snow. From January 1st through April 4th, a total of 17 storms occurred in Belchertown, leaving behind a total of 32 inches of snow and ice. The onset of late fall also brought with it frequent winter storms. An additional 25.5 inches of snow and ice fell over eight storms that started November 20th and ran through December 31st. The total snowfall for the calendar year was 57.5 inches occurring over 25 storms.

The six months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that includes; repairing potholes, clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs, cleaning catch basins, sweeping, and preparing roads for resurfacing. This year, the division was responsible for the following resurfacing projects:

South Street	6,670 feet
Brenda Lane	500 feet
Aldrich Road	1,550 feet
Gulf Road	2,500 feet
Franklin Street	3,320 feet

I would like to welcome two new employees to the Highway Division; Tom Hathaway and Steve Harris were both hired in 2007.

Wastewater Treatment Plant
The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 137,590,000 gallons of wastewater this past year, slightly below the 146,510,000 gallons received in 2006. They also had 30 new connections during the year, nine of them were from within the new Tri-Lakes sewer system, and 21 of them came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1550 equivalent dwelling units.

In September of 2007, the Town awarded the Jackson Street sewer replacement contract, in the amount of $1,347,255.00 to F & J Incorporated of Ludlow, MA. By the end of December, all of the 7,000 linear feet of sewer pipe was installed, and the project is nearly complete. All that remains are service installations, pavement restoration, and loam and seed to repair roadside shoulders.

We also completed the second year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan, that was adopted to identify areas which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection network. 2007 activities included a complete GPS mapping of the entire collection system, and some visual inspections.

Transfer Station
The Town's Hamilton Street Transfer Station remained active throughout 2007. A total of 1886 households participated in our program and the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated:

- 169.58 tons of commingled containers
- 496.42 tons of paper & cardboard
- 1200 gallons of waste oil
- 370 tires
- 983.69 tons of solid waste
- 38 tons of electronics

I am pleased to report the Town received $22,272.81 in funds from the Department of Environmental Protection for the transfer of our recyclable materials to their Springfield facility.

Unfortunately, I must report the Transfer Station fees will be increased approximately 20% in 2008 to account for the increase in disposal and transportation costs associated with solid waste collected at the facility. The full year permit for 2008 will be increased to $90.00; a discount will be given to senior citizens over 65, the full year permit will be $75.00. Cost of the trash bags will increase for 2008 also: a bundle of 10 large trash bags will cost $14.50 and a bundle of 10 small trash bags will cost $11.00.

Cemetery Division
The Cemetery Division conducted a total of 29 burials, 10 of which were cremations. Other routine activities include lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Division

The Buildings and Grounds Division was very busy during 2007, caring for 32 Town buildings and approximately 200 acres of open space, cemeteries and athletic field. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, listed below:

- Construction of the Senor Center Connector between the Senior Center and the Freedom Center.
- Renovations to the office space in the basement of the Tadgell School to accommodate the relocation of the Computing Department.
- The completion of the garage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Repairs to the grounds on the common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to reestablish the turf.

I would like to welcome several new employees to the division as well; Jeff Plant, John Grossman, and Dave Clegg were new additions in 2007. I would also like to congratulate Max Bock for his promotion to the position of Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

Finally, this division's report would not be complete without mention of the retirement of the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Kevin Brown. His many years of service, dedication to his position and his employees, and his upbeat personality will certainly be missed. Good Luck – My Friend!

Tree and Vegetation Control

In 2007 the Department supervised the removal of 62 trees consisting of the following varieties: 5 oak, 1 elm, 14 ash, 3 pine, 1 poplar, 1 spruce, 1 alder, 1 basswood, 1 cherry, 1 willow, 1 hickory and 31 maples. All of these trees were either diseased, damaged, or dead publicly owned street trees.

The Department also conducted its annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed, and approximately 50 miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

Concluding Statement

The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work.

- Robert Cole, Highway Division Supervisor
- Cheryl Bishop, Administrative Assistant
- Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Supervisor
- David Clegg, Maintenance Foreman
- Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Foreman
- Chris Elias, DPW Laborer
- Edward Forgette, Highway Division Mechanic
- Kevin Brown, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor (retired)
- Michelle Burns, Custodian
- Debra Giammarino, Custodian
- Darin Braese, Highway Division Operator I
- Ed Burton, Highway Division Operator I
- Denis Lessard, Highway Division Operator II
- Steve Harris, Highway Division Operator II

- Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
- Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
- Michael Jamgochian, DPW Laborer
- John Grossman, Laborer
- Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator I
- Joe Michalak, Transfer Station Foreman
- Robert Cole, Jr. Transfer Station Attendant
- Lenny Russell, Laborer
- Tom Hathaway, Laborer
- Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor
- Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II
- David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I
- Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
- Brian Gendron, WWTP Laborer

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams, Director
Department of Public Works

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation

During 2007 the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued to focus on community economic development issues, particularly through assistance to small businesses. The board of directors of the BAC includes an appointed representative from each of the fifteen participant towns. In Belchertown, **Gregory Galanek,** who is both an attorney and a CPA, is the appointee. Greg serves as a liaison between the town and the BAC.

A bank line of credit that the BAC has with area banks was increased during the year due to increased commitments from participating banks and the addition of a new bank. Bank of America, Country Bank, FamilyFirst Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank and Spencer Savings Bank were joined by Southbridge Savings Bank as participants on the line. The BAC uses the line to make loans to businesses; $97,000 in loans were disbursed during the year.

Belchertown residents were involved in a number of CDC programs throughout the year. Six (6) residents took computer courses at the CDC; two of these were income eligible for fee waivers. Throughout the year, 75 individuals from around the Quaboag Valley took computer courses at the CDC either in Palmer at the Chamber of Commerce or in Ware.

Belchertown was the site of a CDC-sponsored business planning course (NxLeveL curriculum) at Tadgell Hall on the State School campus in 2007. Sixteen (16) students attended that course, six (6) of which were Belchertown residents. In a second CDC-sponsored NxLeveL course held in West Brookfield and Ware, two (2) additional Belchertown residents participated in the business planning course. Half of the Belchertown residents taking NxLeveL in 2007 were eligible for fee waivers. Five of the eight students were actively engaged in their businesses by the end of 2007.

As a result of a state grant to the CDC to assist businesses with fewer than 20 employees, the CDC launched an individualized business technical assistance "TA" in 2007. Twenty-three (23) pre-venture, early stage or established Belchertown businesses benefited from this assistance which ranged from basic bookkeeping assistance to internet web design planning for an average of 4.7 hours per business.

The CDC and BAC were busy during the year overseeing renovations to a commercial property in Ware that was purchased jointly in 2006. By the end of 2007, renovations were complete and their tenants, the Ware Adult Learning Center, had moved in.

The CDC and BAC encourage Belchertown residents with business financing, training or technical assistance needs to contact the offices at 413-967-3001 or visit the website: www.qvcdc.com.

Susan Rutherford,
Executive Director

Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in Belchertown. The funds are raised by voluntary contributions from our citizens and there is check off portion on the tax bills to accommodate these contributions. We started the year of 2007 with $865.13 in the account. Contributions for the year totaled $1, 456.46 and the fund earned $26.55 in interest. We awarded $2,000 in scholarships. The account balance at the end of 2007 was $348.16. We are hopeful that the generosity of our town residents and businesses will increase so we are able to make further awards in the spring of 2008.

The winners of the 2007 Scholarships were Samantha Presnal, Andrew McGrath, Nina Waldron, Leah Maio, Jason Quinn, and Aaron Korenewsky.

The Scholarship Committee is made up of Richard Pazasis, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Glanville, Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Keith Poulin, Michael O'Connor and Simon James.

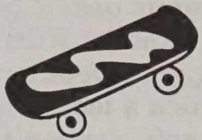
Skate Park Committee

The Belchertown Skate Park, located adjacent to the Teen Center, has seen a continued growth in its use since it was first built through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers. Throughout the summer, it was in almost continuous use by both bicyclists and skate boarders, which is a testimony to its popularity and the need for such a facility to provide a centralized, safe location for these activities.

The Committee was reformed this year with five full members and a number of volunteer associate members. A day devoting to rebuilding the ramps was held this summer with a large turnout of parents and children taking part using donated lumber, tools and materials. The Belchertown Police Department donated helmets that they had received through a grant for the children at the Park to use, and its proximity to the Police Station provides an opportunity for effective community policing. Belchertown Public Works provided significant assistance in removing debris from the area that had accumulated and taking down a dead tree in the parking lot that was a safety hazard. Several stories appeared in the local media (television and print) about the work being done on the Park.

On a hot August day, parents and kids got together at the Belchertown Skate Park to do maintenance on the ramps.
Photo by Ed Comeau

A fundraiser was held at the Bottle Redemption Center and Stop & Shop that raised over $500. In January 2008, the Committee submitted a CPA grant application seeking funds to further help in rebuilding and maintaining the Park.



The Skate Park Committee looks forward to continuing to provide such an exceptional recreational facility to the youth of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Comeau, Member - Skate Park Committee

Tax Title Property Committee

As a result of aggressive collection activity by the Town's Tax Collector in recent years, the list of tax title foreclosure properties the Town is in possession of has grown considerably. As a result, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Tax Title Property Committee consisting of the Town Planner, Town Administrator, Conservation Administrator, Director of Assessments and Director of Public Works to closely evaluate these individual parcels and recommend to the Board of Selectmen what the Committee feels is the best option in each case. These parcels ranged in size from as little as tenths of an acre to many acres; some entirely wetland, and others suitable for development, enhancements, recreation or open space.

Following several meetings of this committee, it was the members' unanimous recommendation that 15 of these tax title parcels be sold by public auction. The Board of Selectmen enthusiastically supported the Committee's recommendation; consequently, on May 31, 2007, 15 parcels were offered for sale resulting in a total of $402,800 bidding activity. At the conclusion of the allocated time for finalizing the sales, two parcels did not close, thus the total sale proceeds to the Town of Belchertown was $365,455. The two parcels that did not transfer ownership will remain property of the Town of Belchertown and will be offered for sale along with other parcels in the spring of 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brougham, Town Administrator
Member, Tax Title Property Committee

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

The Committee has concentrated on contract renewal negotiations with Charter Communications, and we are pleased to announce the successful completion of this task. This effort started in July 2004 when the Committee invited Brian Merrick, from the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunication and Energy, to advise of the legal and technical issues surrounding the contract renewal. This process cumulated in a signed contract from Charter on November of this year (2007). This contract is available to be viewed in the Selectmen's Office. I want to thank past and present members of the Committee for their time and effort in this endeavor.

Again, this year I want to give individual acknowledgment to Lew Louraine for heading up the sub-committee on the contract renewal process. His work has been very much appreciated by the Committee.

Membership:
The makeup of the Committee stands as follows:

Lew Louraine
James Burke
Christofer deHahn
Kristopher Pacunas
Joe Gohra
Paul Nelson
Frank Lomanno

The membership is now at full complement and stands at seven. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included:

Frank Lomanno – Chair
Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations
Christofer deHahn – Secretary

Liaisons:
The liaison member between the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen is again Ron Aponte. We are pleased to have Ron as a liaison to the Committee, given his prior tenure with the Committee and the familiarity with the issues.

Two other changes occurred this year among our contacts with Charter Communications and the State Department of Telecommunications & Cable Division. Bob Spain, Regional Manager of Government Relations for Charter Communications, is no longer with Charter a replacement has not yet been appointed. However, Ed Goldstein will be our contact until the appointment is filled. Also, Brian Merrick is no longer with the Cable Division and Catrice C. Williams has taken over his duties as Municipal Liaison.

Meetings:
Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address:
Our Committee's Town email address (telecom@belchertown.org) serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Web Site:
Along with up-to-date news, the site contains the membership, Mission Statement, the Annual Report and other related links and contacts. The page can be accessed through the Belchertown home page:

http://belchertown.org/

Or directly at

http://belchertown.org/committees/telecom/index.htm

Charter Contract Renewal:
The focal point of this year was the Charter Communication's cable television license with the Town of Belchertown. The contract does not cover anything but cable services, implying any other Charter services, such as internet and telephone service were not part of this agreement. These services will have to wait for new FCC regulations to govern their applicability.
Here is a timeline of the contract and negotiation process:

2003

- Aug - State's Department of Telecommunications and Energy Cable Television Division notified the Town of Belchertown that Charter Communication's cable television license will expire on July 1, 2007

2004

- June - Renewal process started in earnest with a sub-committee formed to spearhead the project
- July - Met with Brian Merrick, from the MA Department of Telecommunication and Energy, to walked us through the steps legally necessary to comply with State and Federal regulations
- Sept – The Committee presented a Letter of Ascertainment to the Selectmen for review
- Nov - Robert J. Spain, Regional Manager of Government Relations for Charter Communications, appeared on a Town Talk

2005

- Feb – We sent out letters to all town departments to ask their input as part of this process
- Mar – Channel 5 hired lawyer Peter Epstein from Boston to assist with legal issues surrounding the contract
- June - Senior center visit for input
- Belchertown Fair
- Met with Belchertown IT department and schools

2006

- Apr - Public Meeting
- Feb - Send draft license to Epstein for comment
- Apr - Send draft license to Selectmen for comment
- Sep - Receive comments from Selectmen

2007

- The Committee met with Bob Spain four times during this year
- The Committee drafted three revisions of the contract
- Feb - Receive comments from Bob Spain of Charter
- Compared the contracts of surrounding towns – Charter and Comcast
- Aug - Review of the final contract and addendum by Bill Hewig, Town lawyer
- Aug – The Committee recommends to the Selectmen that the final contract and addendum be signed by the Town
- Aug – The final contact was signed by the Selectmen
- Nov – Final contract accepted by Charter

The Committee had met with the Board of Selectmen periodically throughout this period to apprise them of our progress and timeline. As part of our preparation, we reviewed over 20 licenses from nearby towns, whose cable provider were both Charter and Comcast. This approach was invaluable in accessing our negation strategy for the contract. Highlights from the contract are as follows:

- The Town will receive over $375,000 over the life of the license.

- License term is for five years. Many existing and new contract are for ten years. However, with pending cable legislation in Federal and State Government, the Committee believed five years gave us the necessary time to react to any new legislation. We also felt that technology changing so rapidly that a ten-year license could be seriously outdated and constrain the Town by the expiration date.

- Service Area for new cable service is now 15 houses per aerial mile with a formula for areas of town with less density. This is in contrast to our existing contract of 20 houses per mile.

- Future Technology clause. On the 2nd and 4th anniversary date of this license, the Selectmen can request a meeting with Charter to discuss new technology and include items into our contract.

- A $150K capital grant and a yearly subsidy of $45K which increases 3% per annum over the life of the contract.

- Citizen discount, which is not just a senior citizen discount, but extended to all town citizens who meet the eligibility requirements, as stated in the contract.

- Free hookup for both aerial and underground (which was not included in the existing contract) for 250 feet from trunk service.

- Increased umbrella liability from initial offer of $1M per occurrence to $3M per occurrence.

- Increased performance bond from initial offer of $25 per occurrence to $40K per occurrence.

- Included that Charter must meet FCC signal standards throughout the Belchertown System.

- Continued the Town Franchise Fee of $.50/subscriber for the life of the license.

- Included a penalty fee for any Charter late payments to the town.

Other
We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for their assistance in maintaining our email and Web site for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications & Energy
Consumer Division
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: (617) 305-3531 or
1-800-392-6066

Email:
Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

Respectfully submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chairman
Belchertown Telecommunications
Advisory Committee

Veterans' Graves Officer

For the year 2007, all of Belchertown's 485 Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance. A special thank you is also extended to Local VFW Post 8428 for their patriotic and formal retired flag burning ceremony.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used to have New England split rail locust fences installed at Dwight, Munsell and Liberty Cemeteries. The project was completed in December of 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione
Veteran's Graves Officer

Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant
Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

For the year 2007 many positive changes were implemented for our town veterans. Our town veterans now have access to a full time Veterans' Agent with extended evening hours on Thursdays, and every 3rd Thursday of the month I will be available at the Senior Center from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Future plans for 2008 would include holding open public discussions on posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and military sexual trauma. I will also be working with various Belchertown residents and organizations to support our soldiers and their families when they are at different points in their military service.

I wish to thank the many town officials and citizens for their part in showing honor and respect to our killed in action solider SPC Kenneth J. Iwasinski.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Service Agent

War Memorial Committee

The Committee is continuing to assess and evaluate the condition of our monuments and memorial through out the town. In the future it is expected the Committee will be doing some restoration and improvement projects as funding becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Knight, Chairman
War Memorial Committee

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals received 10 applications for the year 2007. Of the 10 applications received, five were for special permits, three were for variances and two were appeals made to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer's decision. Of the five special permit applications, two were granted, two were withdrawn, and one was denied. Of the thee variance applications, one was granted and two were withdrawn by the applicants.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zoning Board of Appeals
Diane M. L. Mas, Chairman
Raymond Goff, Vice-Chairman
Richard Barry, Member
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member
Bernadette Harrigan, Associate Member

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting, January 22, 2007 held at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagle
Meeting called to order at 7:35PM
Registered voter present – 200 (Quorum required – 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. James Barry spoke before the articles were taken up, drawing attention to the flier (available at the rear of the auditorium) entitled "Belchertown Clean Energy Campaign". Mr. Barry was encouraging Belchertown citizens to become involved in the "Energy Choice" program

Article 1 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the property described in Article 1 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant by purchase, gift or otherwise and to authorize the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed of a fee simple interest or lesser interest to the Town of Belchertown of the parcel of land as described, now or formerly owned by The Kestrel Trust, registered in Land Court, certificate #2115, document #15392, Book 020, Page #013, on 3/17/06, upon such terms and conditions as the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and that said parcel be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to conservation to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Belchertown, that (ii) the sum of $540,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of acquiring the aforesaid property and for all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3), of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, that (iii) the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the Town, any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any other state and/or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisition and to receive and accept such grants or reimbursement for this purpose, and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and that (iv) the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission are hereby authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and to accept the deed to the Town of Belchertown, of a fee simple interest or less in a parcel of land containing approximately 53.16 acres on Emily Lane, Belchertown, and further described as Assessors Map 240, Lot 33 and Map 229, Lot 33 and in a deed recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 5000, Page 154, on 9/17/97, now or formerly owned by Partyka Partners Limited Partnership, for open space and conservation purposes, to be under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health to enter into an inter municipal agreement in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 4A, with one or more other governmental units to provide public health, public works, and general government administration services which the Board of Health, Department of Public Works, and other administrative bodies in town are authorized to perform, in accordance with the Inter Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $200,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote - 2/3/ Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $6,000.00 for the upkeep and maintenance of the Everett Avenue property. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $2,500.00 for utilities and maintenance of the Town Tadgell Space. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $9,800.00 to the Maintenance Expense Account for the furnace replacement at Franklin School. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,150.00 to the Highway Department Personnel Account to fund a Highway Division Mechanic. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $7,650.00 to the Highway Department Personnel Account to fund a Highway Division Laborer.
(Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to the Streets Construction Maintenance Account and the sum of $15,000.00 to the Highway Hired Services Account for a total appropriation of $25,000.00. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $15,000.00 to the Assessors' Expense Account to fund the purchase of a vehicle to be used by the Office of the Board of Assessors. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the total sum of $539.48 to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year:

➢ River Valley Counseling Center:	$354.00
➢ Mary Lane Hospital:	$185.48

(Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to rescind $1,022,336.00 of the borrowing authorization voted at the May 14, 2001 for the Tri-Lakes Sewer Project. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sums of $363,229.00 from Chapter 90 projects Chapter 291C and $166,933.00 from Chapter 90 projects Chapter 122 for a total appropriation of $530,162.00. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted *not* to approve a Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Agreement for Bay Path Associates, 35 Turkey Hill Road, Belchertown, MA, and designate their business at that location a "certified project". (Finance Committee vote 2-2-0)

Dan Fitzpatrick and Bill Terry (EDIC) spoke in favor of the article. Sam Joyal and William Huber (members of the Board of Assessors) spoke against the article, as did, Peter Galuszka.

(Vote – 63 Yes / 74 No – Article Did Not Pass)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45PM

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2007
FY07

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	$540,000.00			$540,000.00
2-3	None			
4	200,000.00	$200,000.00 to Stabilization Fund		
5	6,000.00	6,000.00 for upkeep & maintenance of the Everett Ave property		
6	2,500.00	$2,500.00 for utilities & maintenance of the Town Tadgell space		
7	9,800.00	9,800.00 to the Maintenance Expense Acct. for furnace replacement at Franklin School		
8	10,150.00	$10,150.00 to the Highway Dept. Personnel Acct. to fund a Highway Division Mechanic		
9	7,650.00	$7,650.00 to the Highway Dept. Personnel Acct. to fund a Highway Division Laborer		
10	25,000.00	$10,000.00 to Streets Construction Maintenance Acct. and 15,000.00 to the Highway Hired Services Acct.		

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
11	15,000.00	$15,000.00 to Assessors' Expense Acct. to purchase a vehicle used by Office of the Board of Assessors'		
12	539.48	To pay unpaid bills of a prior year. $354.00 to River Valley Counseling Center & $185.48 to Mary Lane Hospital		
13 (Rescinded $1,022,336.00 of borrowing authorization voted at May 21, 2001 Town Meeting for the Tri-Lakes Sewer Project				
14	530,162.00		$363,229.00 from Chapter 90 projects Chapter 291C and $166,933.00 from Chapter 90 projects Chapter 122.	
15	None			
TOTAL	**$1,346,801.48**	**$276,639.48**	**$530,162.00**	**$540,000.00**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Certification of Appropriations – Special Town Meeting held January 22, 2007

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 14, 2007 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:05PM
Registered voters present – 289 (Quorum requires 75)
The clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums as outlined below:

AMOUNT:	FROM:	FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION:
$32,500.00	Free Cash in the Treasury	$32,500.00 to Snow Removal Account
$47,644.00	Free Cash in the Treasury	$67,144.00 to EMS Wage Account
$15,000.00	General Insurance Account	
$1,500.00	Computing Wage Account	
$3,000.00	Computing Expense Account	
$7,500.00	IOD Expense Account	$25,250.00 to Veterans' Benefits Account
$4,900.00	Council on Aging Wage Account	
$7,500.00	Workers Compensation Expense Account	
$5,000.00	Sr. Center Building Account	
$350.00	Board of Selectmen Wage Account	
$10,000.00	Sewer Wage Account	$15,000.00 to Sewer Enterprise Expense Account
$5,000.00	Sewer Enterprise Fund Free Cash	
$22,500.00	Maintenance Wage Account	$36,000.00 to Police Wage Account
$11,000.00	Highway Wage Account	
$2,500.00	Assessors' Expense Account	
$7,000.00	Unclassified Account	$18,000.00 to Law Account
$3,000.00	Board of Health Expense Account	
$4,000.00	Fire Station Building Account	
$3,000.00	Town Garage Account	
$1,000.00	Police Station Account	
$3,300.00	Street Lighting Account	$4,300.00 to Maintenance Expense Account
$1,000.00	Police Station Account	
$1,000.00	Life Insurance – Town Share Account	$3,000.00 Health Insurance – Town Share Account
$2,000.00	Medicare – Town Share Account	

$1,750.00	Highway Uniforms Account	$1,750.00 to Highway Administration Account
$1,500.00	Highway Uniforms Account	$1,500.00 to Old Town Hall Account
$3,000.00	Lawrence Memorial Hall Account	$3,000.00 to Fire Department Expense Account

Endorsed by Finance Committee – Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 *Voted to take no action* to reserve from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee in fiscal year 2007, with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- To reserve $28,844.00 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- To reserve $28,844.00 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- To reserve $28,844.00 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing

(Vote – Take No Action – Majority Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance $14,900.00 and from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space $14,400.00 for the acquisition of the parcel of land as described, now or formerly owned by The Kestrel Trust, registered in Land Court, certificate #2115, document #15392, Book 020, Page #013, on March 17, 2006, which acquisition was previously authorized under Article 1 of the January 22, 2007, Special Town Meeting; and, further, to reduce by a corresponding amount the unused borrowing authority approved under Article 1 of the January 22, 2007, Special Town Meeting. (Endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 *Voted no* to appropriate and transfer $60,000 of money from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to restore, rehabilitate and protect the Pelham Country Club House on Gulf Road, pursuant to a grant agreement with Mr. Kirk Stephens; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, provided, however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c.184, sec. 31-33, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept such preservation restriction. (Endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 88 Yes / 141 No – Majority No)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM
Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 14, 2007

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$32,500.00	$32,500.00 to the Snow Removal Account	
	67,144.00	$47, 644.00 to the EMS Wage Account	$15,000.00 from General Insurance Acct., 1,500.00 from the Computing Wage Acct., 3,000.00 from the Computing Expense Acct. to the EMS Wage Account.
	25,250.00		$7,500.00 from IOD Expense Acct., 4,900.00 from Council on Aging Wage Acct., 7,500.00 from Workers Compensation Expense Acct., 5,000.00 from Senior Center Building Acct., 350.00 from Board of Selectmen Wage Acct. to the Veterans' Benefits Account.
	15,000.00		$10,000.00 from Sewer Wage Acct., 5,000.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Free Acct., to the Sewer Enterprise Expense Account.
	36,000.00		$22,500.00 from Maintenance Wage Acct., 11,000.00 from Highway Wage Acct., 2,500.00 from Assessors' Expense Acct. to the Police Wage Account.
	18,000.00		$7,000.00 from Unclassified Acct., 3,000.00 from Board of Health Expense Acct., 4,000.00 from Fire Station Building Acct., 3,000.00 from Town Garage Acct., 1,000.00 from Police Station Acct. to the Law Account.

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	4,300.00		$3,300.00 from Street Lighting Acct., 1,000.00 from Police Station Acct. to the Maintenance Expense Account.
	1,750.00		$1,750.00 from Highway Uniform Acct. to Highway Administration Account.
	3,000.00		$1,000.00 from Life Insurance-Town Share Acct., 2,000.00 from Medicare-Town Share Acct. to Health Insurance-Town Share Account.
	1,500.00		$1,500.00 from Highway Uniforms Acct. to Old Town Hall Account
	3,000.00		3,000.00 from Lawrence Memorial Acct. to Fire Department Expense Account.
2	None		
3	$29,300.00		$14,900.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance and $14,400 from Community Preservation Fund Open Space for purchase of land formerly owned by Kestral Trust, registered in Land Court Certificate #2115, document #15392, Book 020, Page 013 on March 17, 2006.
4	None		
TOTAL	**$236,744.00**	**$80,144.00**	**$156,600.00**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

May 14, 2007 – Certification of Special Town Meeting

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 14 & 15, 2007 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium
FY08
Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:45PM
Registered voters present – 289 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
Boy Scouts Senior Patrol Leader Ethan Minott, 1st Class Scout Stephen Popowich, 2nd Class Scout Matthew French and Scout Dakota Nadle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Miranda Barrett and Molly Brougham.
Selectman Michael J. Reardon presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Ronald Akins.
Selectman Roanld E. Aponte presented the Employee of the Year Award to Jill M. Panto.
Selectman James A. Barry presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Ronald A. Pobieglo.

A motion was made to limit debate to two minutes and 12 people per Article discussion

(Vote – Majority No)

Article 1 Voted to elect Linda E. Barron and Suzanne M. Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Sylvia C. Conkey as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➢ Assessors	$9.29
➢ Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,511,410.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $10,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,521.410.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted t raise and appropriate the sum of $2,314,326.00 and appropriate the sum of $355,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $2,669,326.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,271,720.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $788,024.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,139,141.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $248,811.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $87,364.00 for a total appropriation of $336,175.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $79,378.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $135,407.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,198.192.00 for a total appropriation of $1,412,977.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $570,850.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $648,538.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $608,401.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,688,138.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $123,000.00 for a total appropriation of $2,811,138.00 for Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3/ Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $56,773.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,749.222.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	$10,000	None.
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	$10,000	None.
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase and Maintenance	$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	$5,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	$16,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	$15,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	$75,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	$10,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the manner outlined in Article 11 of this Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and with the following correction:

The change of grade for the Social Services/Outreach Coordinator position, listed under 3) Part-time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule should have been listed under 2) Classified Non-Exempt Employees of the Personnel By-Law.

Under Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

- **Remove** 1) Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

CATEGORY & POSITION	PAY LEVEL OR RANGE
Director of Public Works	\$59,280 - \$71,135
Fire Chief	\$59,280 - \$71,135
Director of Emergency Medical Services	\$59,280 - \$71,135
Director of Computing	\$56,402 - \$71,135
Library Director	\$53,353 - \$65,208
Town Planner	\$53,353 - \$65,208
Police Lieutenant	\$52,550 - \$65,685
Conservation Administrator	\$47,424 - \$59,280
Town Treasurer-Collector	\$47,424 - \$59,280
Town Accountant	\$47,424 - \$59,280
Building Inspector	\$47,424 - \$59,280
Director of Assessments	\$47,424 - \$59,280
Senior Center Director	\$41,497 - \$53,353
Recreation Director	\$41,497 - \$53,353
Veterans' Agent	\$30,000 - \$40,000

In 2) Classified Non-Exempt Employees:

- Add Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer: Grade 5
- Add Network Analyst/Administrator: Grade 8
- Remove Director of Emergency Medical Services (Intermediate): Grade 7

In 3) Part-time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

- Change Social Services/Outreach Coordinator from Grade 6 to Grade 9
- Remove Veterans' Agent
- Change Position Title of Assistant Dog Officer to Assistant Dog Officer/Assistant Animal Control Officer; Change Annual Salary to \$3,600, plus \$25 per action.

In 4) Part-time Hourly Schedule:

- Change Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employee range to \$6.75-\$12.00
- Change Election Works range to \$5.25-\$9.50
- Change Recording Secretary range to \$8.30 - \$10.46

- Change Meals on Wheels Driver range to $7.00-$9.25
- Change Call EMT – Basic range to:
    - July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007: $13.53-$19.26
    - January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2007: $13.67-$19.45
- Change Call EMT – Intermediate range to:
    - July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007: $14.87-$21.18
    - January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2007: $15.02-$21.39
- Change Call EMT – Paramedic range to:
    - July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007: $17.19-$24.46
    - January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2007: $17.36-$24.70

Under Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

- **Remove** compensation chart and **replace** with the following charts:

Effective July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	8.47	8.81	9.15	9.52	9.91	10.32	10.70	11.13	11.60	12.06
2	10.15	10.57	11.00	11.43	11.88	12.37	12.85	13.35	13.93	14.46
3	11.17	11.63	12.09	12.57	13.07	13.62	14.15	14.72	15.30	15.90
4	12.27	12.79	13.29	13.81	14.38	14.95	15.57	16.19	16.82	17.50
5	13.53	14.07	14.61	15.23	15.82	16.44	17.13	17.78	18.50	19.26
6	14.87	15.46	16.10	16.72	17.39	18.11	18.82	19.57	20.37	21.18
7	16.37	17.02	17.70	18.41	19.15	19.90	20.69	21.53	22.40	23.28
8	17.19	17.85	18.57	19.33	20.10	20.90	21.74	22.60	23.51	24.46
9	18.04	18.76	19.50	20.31	21.09	21.95	22.82	23.75	24.69	25.69
10	18.93	19.71	20.49	21.33	22.15	23.04	23.96	24.93	25.91	26.96

Effective January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	8.55	8.90	9.24	9.62	10.01	10.42	10.81	11.24	11.72	12.18
2	10.25	10.68	11.11	11.54	12.00	12.49	12.98	13.48	14.07	14.60
3	11.28	11.75	12.21	12.70	13.20	13.76	14.29	14.87	15.45	16.06
4	12.39	12.92	13.42	13.95	14.52	15.10	15.73	16.35	16.99	17.68
5	13.67	14.21	14.76	15.38	15.98	16.60	17.30	17.96	18.69	19.45
6	15.02	15.61	16.26	16.89	17.56	18.29	19.01	19.77	20.57	21.39
7	16.53	17.19	17.88	18.59	19.34	20.10	20.90	21.75	22.62	23.51
8	17.36	18.03	18.76	19.52	20.30	21.11	21.96	22.83	23.75	24.70
9	18.22	18.95	19.70	20.51	21.30	22.17	23.05	23.99	24.94	25.95
10	19.12	19.91	20.69	21.54	22.37	23.27	24.20	25.18	26.17	27.23

(Endorsed by Personnel Board)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 CITIZEN PETITION: Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended by removing the Longevity Increments and Amounts as outlined in Section 6. Employee Benefits, 14) LONGEVITY and replacing it with the following language:

After ten (10) years of service	$600.00
After fifteen (15) years of service	$700.00
After twenty (20) years of service	$800.00

And further, by appropriating and funding such increase to Longevity beginning FY09 (July 1, 2008). (Not endorsed by Finance Committee 0-5-0 No) (Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 13 CITIZEN PETITION: *Voted not* to amend the Personnel By-Laws as previously amended, by removing paragraph 1 of section 6. Employee benefits, 4) HOLIDAYS and replacing it with the following language.

4) HOLIDAYS: All full-time and eligible part-time employees shall receive holiday pay for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, ½ day before Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, ½ day before Christmas, Christmas Day, day after Christmas; and one (1) floating holiday, notwithstanding the thirty (30) day eligibility period.
(Not Endorsed by Finance Committee 0-5-0 No) (Vote – Majority No – did not pass)

Article 14 CITIZEN PETITION: *Voted not* to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the amount of $40,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a connector between the Belchertown Senior Center and the Freedom Center. (Not endorsed by Finance Committee 1-4-0 No)
(Vote – 2/3 required – did not pass by 2/3)

Before the final vote on Article 14 a motion was made to delay this vote until after the Article 15 vote.
(Vote – Majority No – did not pass)

Article 15 Voted the sum of $1,185,000.00 be appropriated to pay costs of replacing the Chestnut Hill Community School roof and for the purchase of a new fire engine/pumper for the use of the Belchertown Fire Department, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts needed to repay any amounts borrowed hereunder from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 1/2). (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted the sum of $1,084,400.00 be appropriated to pay (i) costs of making repairs to Lawrence Memorial Hall and the EMS Building, (ii) costs of a district wide computer upgrade for the Belchertown School System, and (iii) costs of replacing the Cold Spring School unit ventilators

and the Jabish Brook Middle School boiler, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts needed to repay any amounts borrowed hereunder from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 1/2).
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-1-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3 Required - 2/3 Vote Yes)

Article 17 Voted the sum of $786,000.00 be appropriated to pay (i) costs of completing the second playing field at Constantino Field, (ii) costs of upgrading the Assessors' Department Maps, (iii) costs of constructing an addition at the Belchertown DPW Highway Garage, (iv) costs of constructing a connector between the Belchertown Senior Center and the Freedom Center, (v) costs of completing necessary handicapped accessible upgrades at the School's Central Office, (vi) costs of replacing the Jabish Brook Middle School gymnasium bleachers, and (vii) costs of reclaiming/resurfacing the parking lots at the School's Central Office and Cold Spring School, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts needed to repay any amounts borrowed hereunder from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 1/2). (Not Endorsed by Finance Committee 1-4-0 No) (Vote – 2/3 Required - 2/3 Vote Yes)

Article 18 Voted to accept for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the Town of Belchertown, the provisions of G.L. c. 39, §23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, providing that certain conditions are met.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 110A to close the Office of Election and Registration on Saturdays.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to *take no Action* to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land along Federal Street, Pelham Road, and Daniel Shays Highway from its current zone of Ag-B, Rural Residential, to B1, Limited Business; such land identified as follows: Assessors' Parcels Map 238 Lot 62, Map 238 Lot 63, Map 238 Lot 64, Map 238 Lot 65, Map 238 Lot 66, and Map 231 Lot 32, to change from Ag-B to B1 entirely.
(Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 to Take no Action)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes – *Take No Action*)

Article 21 *Voted No* to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, concerning Signs, by deleting Article VI, §145-22D, Height, in its entirety and substituting the proposed new Article VI, §145-22D, Height, as follows:

The signs permitted under this section in all districts except B-2 shall not exceed an overall sign height of 12 feet, including masts, measured at the bottom center of the sign from the finished grade, including all portions of the sign. Where signs must be located in such a way that there is the potential to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic, there shall be no obstruction between four feet and eight feet above ground, measured at the center of the sign from the finished grade. In a B-2 Zone only, such signs required to have an unobstructed area may extend to an overall height of 18 feet. No building mounted sign may be mounted higher than the uppermost portion of the building's roofline or 18 feet, whichever is greater. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Majority No – did not pass)

Article 22 *Voted No* to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, concerning Open Space Community Development, Article XI, Section 145-55, Dimensional Standards, by adding to footnote 2 the sentence "Subject to Planning Board approval, side yard setback may be reduced to 10 feet." and by changing Article V, Dimensional Regulations, §145-16, by adding to footnote 5 the sentence "Subject to planning Board approval, side yard setback my be reduced to 10 feet." (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Majority No – did not pass)

Article 23 Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land along Ware Road from its current zones of B2, General Business and Ag-A, Primary Agriculture, to MDR, Multiple Dwelling Residential; such land identified as part of Assessors' Parcel Map 244, Lot 156, as shown on a plan drawn by Lewis and Cook, LLC, Surveyors and Consultants, for Richard F. Greene, dated 3/1/2007. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 vote Yes)

Article 24 Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land along Depot Street from its current zone of B1, Limited Business to Ag-A, Primary Agriculture; such land identified as follows: Assessors' Parcel Map 109, Lot 42, to change from being split between Ag-A to B1, to become zoned Ag-A entirely. (Endorsed by Planning Board 3-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

At 10:22 PM the Town Meeting was recessed to resume on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 7:00PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM
Registered voters present 171 (Quorum required 75)

Article 25 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding a Stormwater Management Bylaw:

BACKGROUND

Land uses in Town affect our streams, lakes and drinking water supplies. Land development and other land use conversions, and their associated changes to land cover, have the potential to permanently alter the function of local watersheds, resulting in increased stormwater runoff rates and volumes, which in turn increase flooding, stream channel erosion, sediment transport and discharge, and non-point source pollution, and decrease groundwater recharge. Adverse impacts can be controlled and minimized through the application of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and low impact development principles.

Low Impact Development (LID) seeks a balance between human activities and protecting habitat and important natural resources. It is about maintaining environmental quality of life that gives the communities we live in a sense of place. The goal of LID is to integrate human development into the landscape in a way that is mindful of natural ecosystems and does not disrupt the complex hydrologic cycle that maintains them. LID can be applied through development density, reduced impervious surface coverage, lot size, open space/tree retention, street design, street width, parking design, sidewalks, and stormwater management practices. Because LID involves a comprehensive approach, it must be integrated into municipal policies, regulations, and development standards in order for it to be effective.

Careful planning of development, redevelopment, and land conversion projects will protect the quality and health of the water resources of Belchertown. Therefore, the Town of Belchertown enacts this Stormwater Management Bylaw to prevent potential harmful impacts from land development activities.

In addition, localities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are required to comply with a number of both State and Federal laws, Bylaws and permits which require a locality to address the impacts of construction site runoff, post-development stormwater runoff, and nonpoint source pollution.

Therefore, the Town of Belchertown has established this Bylaw to provide reasonable guidance for site planning and stormwater management for the purpose of protecting local water resources from degradation. This Bylaw addresses construction and post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects.

This Bylaw is not retroactive and does not affect current or approved land development or redevelopment applications.

1. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. The objectives of the Bylaw are to:

1. Establish regulations for land development activities that preserve the health of water resources by reducing the adverse water quality impacts from stormwater discharges to rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and streams in order to attain federal water quality standards;

2. Require that new development, redevelopment and all land conversion activities maintain the natural hydrologic characteristics of the land in order to reduce flooding, stream bank erosion, siltation, nonpoint source pollution, property damage, and to maintain the integrity of stream channels and aquatic habitats;

3. Prevent the discharge of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals, into stormwater runoff;

4. Minimize the volume and rate of stormwater discharges to rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and streams during and following development;

5. Prevent erosion and sedimentation from land development, and reduce stream channel erosion caused by increased runoff;
6. Provide for the recharge of groundwater aquifers and maintain the base flow of streams;
7. Encourage the use of LID practices such as reducing impervious cover and the preservation of greenspace and other natural areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
8. Coordinate site design plans, which include greenspace, with the Town's greenspace protection plan;
9. Provide stormwater management facilities that are attractive, maintain the natural integrity of the environment, and are designed to protect public safety;
10. Require that the amount and quality of stormwater runoff from new development is equal to or better than pre-development conditions in order to reduce flooding, stream erosion, pollution, property damage, and harm to aquatic life;
11. Establish maintenance provisions to ensure that stormwater treatment practices will continue to function as designed and pose no threat to public safety;
12. Establish procedures for the Town's review of stormwater management plans, and for the Town's inspection of approved stormwater controls;
13. Comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges.

B. Nothing in this Bylaw is intended to replace the requirements of the Town of Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw, or any other Bylaw that may be adopted by the Town of Belchertown. Any activity subject to the provisions of the above-cited Bylaws must comply with the specifications of each.

2. DEFINITIONS

ALTER: Any activity, which will measurably change the ability of a ground surface area to absorb water or will change existing surface drainage patterns. Alter may be similarly represented as "alteration of drainage characteristics," and "conducting land disturbance activities."

APPLICANT: A property owner or agent of a property owner who has filed an application for a Stormwater Management Permit.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): Structural, non-structural and managerial techniques that are recognized to be the most effective and practical means to prevent and/or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and flows, reduce point source and nonpoint source pollution, and promote stormwater quality and protection of the environment. "Structural" BMPs are devices that are engineered and constructed to provide temporary storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. "Nonstructural" BMPs use natural measures to reduce pollution levels, do not require extensive construction efforts, and/or promote pollutant reduction by eliminating the pollutant source.

BETTER SITE DESIGN: Site design approaches and techniques that can reduce a site's impact on the watershed through the use of nonstructural stormwater management practices. Better site design includes conserving and protecting natural areas and greenspace, reducing impervious cover, and using natural features for stormwater management.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (COC): A document issued by the Stormwater Authority after all construction activities have been completed, which states that all conditions of an issued Stormwater Management Permit have been met and that a project has been completed in compliance with the conditions set forth in a Stormwater Management Permit.

CONVEYANCE: Any structure or device, including pipes, drains, culverts, curb breaks, paved swales or man-made swales of all types designed or utilized to move or direct stormwater runoff or existing water flow.

DEVELOPER: A person who undertakes or proposes to undertake land disturbance activities.

DEVELOPMENT: The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.

DISTURBANCE OF LAND: Any action that causes a change in the position, location, or arrangement of soil, sand, rock, gravel or similar earth material.

DRAINAGE EASEMENT: A legal right granted by a landowner to a grantee allowing the use of private land for LID Management purposes.

GRADING: Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.

EROSION CONTROL: The prevention or reduction of the movement of soil particles or rock fragments.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN: A plan that shows the location and construction detail(s) of the erosion and sediment reduction controls to be utilized for a construction site.

FLOOD CONTROL: The prevention or reduction of flooding and flood damage.

FLOODING: A local and temporary inundation or a rise in the surface of a body of water, such that it covers land not usually under water.

FOREST CUTTING PLAN: A plan for the cutting of trees on forest land, which is prepared and submitted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 132 Sections 40 - 46A. The forest cutting plan requires approval by a Service Forester of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, as provided under 304 CMR 11.04.

GROUNDWATER: All water beneath any land surface including water in the soil and bedrock beneath water bodies.

HOTSPOT: Land uses or activities with higher potential pollutant loadings, such as auto salvage yards, auto fueling facilities, fleet storage yards, commercial parking lots with high intensity use, road salt storage areas, commercial nurseries and landscaping, outdoor storage and loading areas of hazardous substances, or marinas.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water from infiltrating through the underlying soil. Impervious surface is defined to include, without limitation: paved parking lots, rooftops, driveways, patios, and paved roads.

INFILTRATION: The act of conveying surface water into the ground to permit groundwater recharge and the reduction of stormwater runoff from a project site.

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY: The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131 § 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act G.L. c. 21, §. 23-56. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Belchertown.

NEW DEVELOPMENT: Any construction or land disturbance of a parcel of land that is currently in a natural vegetated state and does not contain alteration by man-made activities.

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION: Pollution from many diffuse sources caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into water resource areas.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN: A plan that defines the functional, financial and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a LID Management system to insure that it continues to function as designed.

OWNER: A person with a legal or equitable interest in a property.

PERSON: Any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to Town Bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Belchertown, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

PRE-DEVELOPMENT: The conditions that exist at the time that plans for the land development of a tract of land are submitted to the Stormwater Authority. Where phased development or plan approval occurs (preliminary grading, roads and utilities, etc.), the existing conditions at the time prior to the first plan submission shall establish pre-development conditions.

POINT SOURCE: Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

POST-DEVELOPMENT: The conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the land development activity on a specific site or tract of land. Post-development refers to the phase of a new development or redevelopment project after completion, and does not refer to the construction phase of a project.

RECHARGE: The replenishment of underground water reserves.

REDEVELOPMENT: Any construction, alteration, or improvement that disturbs the ground surface or increases the impervious area on previously developed sites.

RESOURCE AREA: Any area protected under including without limitation: the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts Rivers Act, or Town of Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

RUNOFF: Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

SEDIMENTATION: A process of depositing material that has been suspended and transported in water.

SITE: The parcel of land being developed, or a designated planning area in which the land development project is located.

STORMWATER AUTHORITY: The Town of Belchertown Department of Public Works. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined in this Bylaw. Other Boards and/or departments participate in the review process as defined in Section 4 of this Bylaw.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: The use of structural or non-structural practices that are designed to reduce stormwater runoff pollutant loads, discharge volumes, and/or peak flow discharge rates.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: A permit issued by the Stormwater Authority, after review of an application, plans, calculations, and other supporting documents, which is designed to protect the environment of the Town from the adverse affects of uncontrolled and untreated stormwater runoff.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: A Plan to be submitted with the application for a Stormwater Management Permit, which shall include current and proposed site conditions, proposed improvements, proposed stormwater control measures, development schedules, and such other matters as may be required by the Stormwater Authority.

STOP WORK ORDER: An order issued which requires that all construction activity on a site be stopped.

TSS: Total suspended solids.

WATER QUALITY VOLUME: The storage needed to capture a specified average annual stormwater runoff volume. Numerically (WQv) will vary as a function of drainage area or impervious area.

3. AUTHORITY

This Bylaw is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act, and as authorized by the residents of Belchertown at Town Meeting, dated May 14, 2007.

4. ADMINISTRATION

A. The Department of Public Works is hereby designated as the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw. The Stormwater Authority may designate Town Boards, including the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Board of Health, as its authorized agent for the purposes of reviewing stormwater submittals and making recommendations on stormwater permit applications for any project within that particular Board's (the "Reviewing Board") jurisdiction. The Reviewing Board(s) shall notify the Stormwater Authority of its recommendations on stormwater management permit applications. Both the Stormwater Authority and the Reviewing Board(s) shall have authority to enforce this Bylaw.

B. Fees. The Stormwater Authority, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall establish a schedule of Application Fees and Technical Review Fees, to cover expenses associated with any public hearing and review of the Stormwater Management Permit application and with the retention of a professional engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Stormwater Authority on technical, legal, economic, or other aspects of the proposed work.

C. Stormwater Management Regulations. The Stormwater Authority may adopt, and periodically amend, rules and regulations relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees (including application, inspection, and/or consultant fees), procedures and administration of this Bylaw, after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any proposed revisions. Such hearing dates shall be advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date. After public hearing, the Stormwater Authority may issue rules and regulations to fulfill the purposes of this Bylaw. Failure by the Stormwater Authority to issue such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.

D. Waivers. The Stormwater Authority may waive strict compliance with this Bylaw if such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes, bylaws, and/or regulations; is in the public interest; and is consistent with the purposes of this Bylaw.

E. Stormwater Management Manual. The Stormwater Authority will utilize the policy, criteria and information including specifications and standards of the latest edition of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy to execute the provisions of this Bylaw. This Policy includes a list of acceptable stormwater treatment practices, including the specific design criteria for each. The Policy may be updated and expanded periodically, based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring, and local maintenance experience. Unless specifically altered in the Regulations authorized by this Bylaw, stormwater treatment practices that are designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with these design and sizing criteria will be presumed to be protective of Massachusetts water quality standards.

F. Actions by the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority may take any of the following actions as a result of an application for a Stormwater Management Permit: Approval, Approval with Conditions, Disapproval, or Disapproval without Prejudice.

G. Appeals. A decision of the Stormwater Authority shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the Stormwater Authority made under this Bylaw shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in an action filed within sixty (60) days thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 249 § 4.

H. Stormwater Credit System. The Stormwater Authority may adopt a Stormwater Credit System as part of the Regulations authorized by this Bylaw. This credit system will allow applicants the option to use better site design practices to reduce some of the requirements specified in the criteria section of the Regulations. Failure of the Stormwater Authority to promulgate such a credit system through its regulations or a legal declaration of its invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.

5. APPLICABILITY

A. This Bylaw applies to all new development and redevelopment, and other activities that will result in an increased amount of stormwater runoff and/or water pollutants flowing from a parcel of land, or any activity that will alter the drainage characteristics of a parcel of land, unless exempt pursuant to Section 5 of this Bylaw. All actions under the jurisdiction of this Bylaw shall be required to obtain a Stormwater Management Permit.

B. Notwithstanding any exemption provided pursuant to Section 5.C of this Bylaw, an alteration, redevelopment, or conversion of land use to a “hotspot” as defined in the most recent version of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy, such as auto salvage yards, auto fueling facilities, fleet storage yards, commercial parking lots, and other potential water quality concerns shall require a Stormwater Management Permit.

C. Exemptions

No person shall alter land within the Town of Belchertown without having obtained a Stormwater Management Permit for the proposed activity, with the following exceptions:

1. Any activity that will disturb an area less than 10,000 square feet, not including projects that will disturb an area less than 10,000 square feet that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb greater than or equal to 10,000 square feet.
2. Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations 310 CMR 10.04.
3. Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with a single family dwelling.
4. Repair or replacement of an existing roof of a single-family dwelling.
5. Repair or replacement of an existing septic system.
6. Construction of a deck, patio, retaining wall, shed, swimming pool, tennis or basketball court associated with a single family dwelling.
7. The construction of any fence that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns.
8. Construction of utilities (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.) other than drainage, which will not permanently alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns.
9. Routine maintenance to existing town roads that is performed to maintain the original width, line, grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the roadway.
10. Emergency repairs to any stormwater management facility or practice that poses a threat to public health or safety, or as deemed necessary by the Stormwater Authority or Reviewing Board(s).

11. Any emergency activity that is immediately necessary for the protection of life, property, or the environment, as determined by the Stormwater Authority or Reviewing Board(s).
12. Customary cemetery management.
13. Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits have been issued before the effective date of this Bylaw.
14. Redevelopment projects are presumed to meet the Bylaw requirements if the total impervious cover is reduced by 40% from existing conditions.

6. PROCEDURES

Permit Procedures and Requirements shall be defined and included as part of any rules and regulations issued under Section 4 of the Bylaw. No land owner or land operator shall receive any of the ~~building~~, grading, or other land development permits required for land disturbance activities, and no land owner shall commence land disturbance activities, without first receiving a Stormwater Management Permit from the Stormwater Authority and meeting the requirements of this Bylaw and associated Regulations.

The Stormwater Management Permit Application package shall include:

A. For land altering activity subject to the Town of Belchertown Stormwater Management Bylaw involving construction of a single-family dwelling, where “approval is not required” (ANR), as defined in the Subdivision Control Act, and that disturbs less than 1 acre of land, the Stormwater Management Permit Application package shall include:

1. A completed Application Form with original signatures of all owners;
2. A list of abutters, certified by the Assessors Office, within 100 feet of the property line of the site, including property owners in another municipality;
3. Stormwater Management Plan;
4. Payment of the application and review fees;
5. Surety bond, if determined to be required by the Stormwater Authority.

B. For all other land altering activity subject to the Town of Belchertown Stormwater Management Bylaw, the Stormwater Management Permit Application package shall include:

1. A completed Application Form with original signatures of all owners;
2. A list of abutters, certified by the Assessors Office; within 100 feet of the property line of the site, including property owners in another municipality;
3. Stormwater Management Plan;
4. Operation and Maintenance Plan, with Inspection and Maintenance agreement;
5. Payment of the application and review fees;
6. Surety bond.

7. ENFORCEMENT

The Stormwater Authority or an authorized agent of the Stormwater Authority shall enforce this Bylaw, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies, including injunctive relief and monetary damages and costs of litigation and attorney fees, for such violations and for mitigation and compliance actions taken by the Stormwater Authority. Enforcement shall be further defined and included as part of any Regulations adopted under this Bylaw. Enforcement may be made by way of noncriminal disposition pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 1-2 of the Town’s Bylaws. The Stormwater Authority shall be the enforcing entity. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be $100. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be $200. The penalty for the 3rd and subsequent violations shall be $300. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

8. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section, provision, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Bylaw shall not invalidate any other section, provisions, paragraph, sentence or clause thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination that previously has been issued.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

(Before the vote was taken on Article 25, an amendment was introduced by Richard Barry to amend Section 5 C1, changing ten thousand square feet to twenty-five thousand square feet as the area to be excluded by this By-Law. The amendment failed by a Majority Vote of No.)

Article 26 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding to Chapter 1, §1-2 – Noncriminal Disposition the information specific to the Stormwater Management Bylaw;

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Fine allowed:	First violation:	$100.00
	Second violation:	$200.00

Third and subsequent violations shall be $300.00; each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Enforcement agent: Stormwater Authority or an authorized agent of the Stormwater Authority. (Vote – Majority Yes)

(A motion was made to amend Article 26 making all violation fines $300.00. It was rejected by a Majority vote No.)

Voted to accept a section of Barton Avenue as described;

Article 27 **SECTION OF BARTON AVENUE** as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan" known as "**Clearwater Ridge Subdivision**" and provided by C.T. Male Associates, Inc. Dated 07-07-87 and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 151, Pages 52-54; Revised 12-08-87, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the necessary easements in the subject way and all related drainage easements.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 28 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey to the Town of Belchertown a sewer easement in a portion of a parcel of state-owned land located on George Hannum Street and Jackson Street in Belchertown, as printed below provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TO GRANT A SEWER EASEMENT IN CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN TO THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for the conveyance of an easement interest of certain state land for the purpose of installing and constructing sanitary sewer facilities, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 40E to 40J, inclusive, of chapter 7 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management is hereby authorized to convey to the Town of Belchertown a non-exclusive easement interest in a portion of a parcel of state-owned land located on George Hannum Street and Jackson Street in Belchertown, said portion containing 49,932 square feet or 1.146 acres, shown as "Sewer Easement S-1" on a survey plan consisting of one sheet, entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA prepared for the Town of Belchertown Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Owner)", dated November seven, two thousand six, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, Land Surveying and Engineering, 3 Converse Street, Suite 203, Palmer, MA 01069. Said conveyance shall be for nominal consideration and on such terms and conditions as the commissioner of the division of capital asset management deems appropriate.

SECTION 2. The grantees of said easement interest described in this section shall assume the costs in full associated with any engineering, surveys, deed preparation and other expenses deemed necessary by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management, and shall also assume the costs of recording said survey plan and easement deed with the registry of deeds for Hampshire County.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 29 Voted to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $8,549.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY2008; and further, that the Town reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- $30,286.00 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- $30,286.00 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- $30,286.00 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 30 Voted to appropriate and transfer $38,136.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the creation of a Swift River School Playground, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Cold Spring Swift River PTO, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the School Department and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which the funds may be spent. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 31 Voted to appropriate and transfer $42,991.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the creation of a baseball field at Constantino Field and the placing of safety netting at Parsons Field, with such funds to be expended under the direction of Recreation Department with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee by a vote of 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 32 Voted to appropriate and transfer $12,960.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve for fencing and protection of the historic Munsell, Liberty, and Dwight Cemeteries, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 33 Voted to appropriate and transfer $5,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve for preservation of historical documents and artifacts, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Clerk. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 34 Voted to appropriate and transfer $25,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the preparation of an inventory of historical structures, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Historical Commission. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 35 Voted to appropriate and transfer $36,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the preservation of the Belchertown High School Athletic Fields, to include construction of an irrigation system for such fields. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 36 Voted to appropriate and transfer $43,780.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of restoring, rehabilitating, and protecting the Bridgman stained glass window at the Clapp Memorial Library pursuant to a grant agreement with the Clapp Memorial Library Trustees, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; provided, however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c.184, sec. 31-33, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept such preservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 37 Voted to appropriate and transfer $39,936.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimates annual revenues for the purpose of replacing windows at the Stone House Museum pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown Historical Association; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; provided however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c.184, sec. 31-33, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept such preservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 38 Voted to appropriate and transfer $5,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of restoring, rehabilitating, and protecting chimneys at the Edwin Bridgman House within the Belchertown Historic District pursuant to a grant agreement with Collective Copies Inc; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; provided however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c.184, sec. 31-33, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept such preservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 39 Voted to appropriate and transfer $6,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of creating and protecting a recreation path between Jackson Street and State Street pursuant to a grant agreement with to the Belchertown Land Trust Inc.; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; provided however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a conservation restriction in such property meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c.184, sec. 31-33, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept such conservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 40 Voted to appropriate and transfer $27,071.00.00 from the Community Preservation Fund and that the Town appropriate and transfer $929.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of protecting historic elements of the former Belchertown State School Root Cellar pursuant to a grant agreement with the New England Small Farms Institute, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Belchertown Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, and with the approval of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 41 Voted to appropriate and transfer $17,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of making historic restoration and renovations at the church and parish house within the Belchertown Historic District, pursuant to a grant agreement with the United Church of Christ; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; provided however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c.184, sec. 31-33, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept such preservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 14 & 15, 2007
FY08

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	NONE				
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving Court Tax cases	**100.00**	100.00		
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**30,000.00**	30,000.00		
6	None				
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**2,000.00**			2,000.00 (from Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct. to Cemetery Lot Development Acct)
8	None				
	Itemized Budget				
9	**GENERAL GOVERNMENT** (Total)	**1,521,410.00**			
	1. Moderator, Salary		25.00		
	Expenses				
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00		
	Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		5,966.00		
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		83,861.00		
	Wages		84,540.00		
	Expenses		7,790.00		
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		57,605.00		
	Wages		87,140.00		
	Expenses		38,600.00		
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		42,325.00		
	Wages		47,580.00		
	Expenses		10,125.00		
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		57,605.00		
	Wages		135,840.00		
	Expenses		65,100.00		
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		62,102.00		
	Wages		88,050.00		
	Expenses		104,270.00		
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00		
	Assessor (Salary)		55,867.00		
	Wages		178,785.00		
	Expenses		26,450.00		
	Field Review Update				
	9. Law Account, Fees		81,300.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	10. Finance Committee, Wages				
	Expenses		250.00		
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00		
	Wages		10,100.00		
	Expenses		10,010.00		
	12. Planning Board, Salary		59,188.00		
	Wages		24,700.00		
	Expenses		4,890.00		
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00		
	Expenses		695.00		
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00		
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00		
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00		
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		485.00		
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		43,201.00		10,000.00 (Wetland Hearing Fees)
	Wages		13,090.00		
	Expenses		3,375.00		
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	**2,669,326.00**			
	19. Police Department, Salary		137,153.00		
	Wages		1,237,128.00		
	Expenses		264,241.00		
	20. Emergency Medical Services, Salary				44,517.00 (Ambulance Rcts reserved for Appropriation Acct)
	Wages		48,743.00		310,483.00 Ambulance Rcts reserved for Appropriation Acct)
	Expenses		116,655.00		
	21. Fire Department, Salary		66,354.00		
	Full Time Wages		79,340.00		
	Wages		72,100.00		
	Expenses		94,483.00		
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00		
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		23,315.00		
	24. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		16,192.00		
	Salary, (Asst. Dog Officer)		3,600.00		
	Wages		5,977.00		
	Expenses		10,770.00		
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		54,954.00		
	Wages		59,651.00		
	Expenses		14,150.00		
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		1,170.00		
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	**22,271,720.00**			
	27. Town School Department				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	27.(cont'd) Foundation Spending		20,769,220.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,502,500.00		
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District	**788,024.00**			
	Net Budget		788,024.00		
	DPW – Highways	**1,139,141.00**			
	29. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary		66,926.00		
	Wages		545,390.00		
	Uniforms		10,650.00		
	Expenses		750.00		
	30. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		7,600.00		
	31. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		144,000.00		
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		117,200.00		
	33. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		93,500.00		
	34. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		35,190.00		
	35. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		76,500.00		
	36. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		15,000.00		
	37. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		26,435.00		
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL	**336,175.00**			
	38. Transfer Station (Total)				
	Wages				79,250.00 (Landfill Receipts)
	Expenses				169,561.00 (Landfill Receipts) 87,364.00 (Landfill Enterprise free cash)
	Hazardous Waste Day				
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	**1,412,977.00**			
	Wages		79,378.00		119,947.00 (Sewer Enterprise free cash)
	Expenses				15,460.00 (Sewer Enterprise free cash) 443,456.00 (Sewer Receipts)
	Maturing Debt				582,076.00 (Sewer Receipts)
	Maturing Debt Interest				172,660.00 (Sewer Receipt)
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**570,850.00**			
	40. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00		
	Wages		3,432.00		
	Expenses		11,075.00		
	41. Council on Aging, Salary		52,250.00		
	Wages		277,597.00		
	Expenses		27,580.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		32,660.00		
	Agent Expenses		2,400.00		
	Veterans Benefits		132,096.00		
	43. Veterans Graves, Expenses		1,050.00		
	44. DPW – Cemetery Department Expenses		27,785.00		
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00		
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	**648,538.00**			
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		60,939.00		
	Wages		212,945.00		
	Expenses		88,927.00		
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary		49,989.00		
	Wages		149,906.00		
	Expenses		10,167.00		
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		35,540.00		
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		3,100.00		
	50. Teen Center, Wages		31,675.00		
	Expenses		2,350.00		
	51. Family Center, Expenses		3,000.00		
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**608,401.00**			
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		296,384.00		
	Expenses		47,725.00		
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		50,640.00		
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		2,750.00		
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00		
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		5,710.00		
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		8,700.00		
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		43,361.00		
	59. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		26,160.00		
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		47,796.00		
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		11,500.00		
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		23,350.00		
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		4,000.00		
	64. DPW-Fire Station., Expenses		30,975.00		
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,000.00		
	66. DPW-Tagell/MEME Space, Expenses		7,750.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	**PENSIONS AND INSURANCE** (Total)	2,811,138.00			
	67. General insurance, Expense		311,488.00		123,000.00 Stabilization Fund
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		840,000.00		
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,400.00		
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		73,500.00		
	73. Pensions, Expenses		1,438,750.00		
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	**56,773.00**			
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00		
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00		
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00		
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		4,000.00		
	78. Unclassified Account, Expenses		51,625.00		
	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT (Total)	**3,749,222.00**			
	79. Interest, Expenses		1,418,346.00		
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,330,876.00		
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (Total)				
	81.Council of Government, Assessment	**10,000.00**	10,000.00		
10-14	None				
15	Debt Exclusion - 2 ½ (CHCS Roof/Fire Truck)	**1,185,000.00**		1,185,000.00	
16-17	$1,870,400.00 – Not yet approved by referendum				
18-28	None				
29	Community Preservation Admin Expenses	**8,549.00**			8,549.00 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	**30,286.00**			30,286.00 FY08 Community Preservation Fund revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Historic Resources	**30,286.00**			30,286.00 FY08 Community Preservation Fund revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Community Housing	**30,286.00**			30,286.00 FY08 Community Preservation Fund revenues
30	CPA – Swift River Playground	**38,136.00**			38,136.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
31	CPA-Costantino & Parsons Fields	**42,991.00**			42,991.00 CPA fund estimated annual revenues
32	CPA-Munsell, Liberty, & Dwight Cemeteries	**12,960.00**			12,960.00 CPA Historic Resources Reserve
33	CPA-Town Clerk document preservation	**5,000.00**			5,000.00 CPA Historic Resources Reserve

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
34	CPA-Historical structure inventory	25,000.00			25,000.00 CPA Historic Resources Reserve
35	CPA-BHS Athletic Fields	36,000.00			36,000.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
36	CPA-Clapp Library Stain Glass repair	43,780.00			43,780.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
37	CPA-Stone House windows	39,936.00			39,936.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
38	CPA-Edwin Bridgman chimney restoration	5,000.00			5,000.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
39	CPA-Jackson & State St. Recreation path	6,000.00			6,000.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
40	CPA-Belchertown State School Root cellar	28,000.00			27,071.00 CPA Fund , 929.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
41	CPA-Church & Parish House Repair	17,000.00			17,000.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
TOTAL		$40,210,005.00	$36,466,021.00	$1,185,000.00	$2,558,984.00

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 21, 2007
BELCHERTOWN, MA

	*Denotes Elected						
OFFICE	**NAME**	**PRECINCT**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Board of Selectmen	Michael J. Reardon		96	79	108	62	345
3 years	Alfred J. Roccanti		67	75	124	63	329
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		6	7	11	15	39
		Blank	133	101	123	82	439
		Total	302	262	366	222	1152
School Committee	Beverly S. Phaneuf		103	95	137	76	411
3 years	Sundry Writeins		2	2	1	1	6
Vote for two		Blanks	46	34	45	34	159
		Total	151	131	183	111	576
Planning Board	Christopher R. Laurenzo		89	90	124	69	372
5 years	Sundry Writeins		1	1	1	2	5
Vote for one		Blank	61	40	58	40	199
		Total	151	131	183	111	576
Board of Assessors	Samuel J. Joyal		109	101	138	76	424
3 years	Sundry Writeins		1	1	1	1	4
Vote for one		Blank	41	29	44	34	148
		Total	151	131	183	111	576
Board of Assessors	Thomas A. Barry		88	89	124	70	371
1 year	Sundry Writeins		1	1	2	2	6
Vote for one		Blank	62	41	57	39	199
		Total	151	131	183	111	576
Board of Health	Gail L. Gramarossa		93	89	117	71	370
3 years	Gary R. Racicot		91	91	121	71	374
Vote for One	Sundry Writeins		0	1	2	1	4
		Blank	118	81	126	79	404
		Total	302	262	366	222	1152
Councilor-Hampshire	William R. Barnett		113	104	140	84	441
Council of Governments	Donald J. Pipczynski		4	2	1	3	10
2 years	Sundry Writeins		3	3	2	3	11
Vote for two		Blank	182	153	223	132	690
		Total	302	262	366	222	1152
QUESTIONS 1:							
Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to		YES	95	71	101	72	339
exempt from the provisions of proposition two and		NO	54	59	78	38	229
one-half, so-called, the amounts required to repay		Blanks	2	1	4	1	8
the $1,185,000.00 bond issued in order to		Total	151	131	183	111	576
replace the Chestnut Hill Community School roof							
and purchase a new Fire Engine/Pumper for the							
Belchertown Fire Department, including costs							
incidental and relative thereto?							

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 21, 2007
BELCHERTOWN, MA

QUESTIONS 2:	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to	YES	77	52	79	55	263
exempt from the provisions of proposition two and	NO	73	76	99	55	303
one-half, so called, the amounts required to repay	Blanks	1	3	5	1	10
the $1,084,400.00 bond issued in order to do	Total	151	131	183	111	576
repairs to Lawrence Memorial Hall and the EMS						
Building, provide for a district wide computer						
upgrade for the Belchertown School System, and						
replace the Cold Spring School unit ventilators						
and the Jabish Brook Middle School boiler,						
including costs incidental and relative thereto?						
QUESTION 3:						
Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to	YES	55	38	65	44	202
exempt from the provisions of proposition two and	NO	94	91	115	66	366
one-half, so called, the amounts required to repay	Blanks	2	2	3	1	8
the $786,000.00 bond issued in order to complete	Total	151	131	183	111	576
the second playing field at Costantino Field, up-						
grade the Assessors' Department Maps, construct						
an addition at the Belchertown DPW Highway						
Garage, construct a connector between the						
Belchertown Senior Center and Freedom Center,						
complete necessary handicapped accessible up-						
grade at the Schools' Central Office, replace Jabish						
Brook Middle School gymnasiumn bleachers, and						
reclaim/resurface the parking lots at the Schools'						
Central Office and Cold Spring School, including						
costs incidential and reletive thereto?						
Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	636	674	697	664	2671
	Republican	303	355	388	238	1284
	Unenrolled	1116	1274	1314	1129	4833
Green-	Rainbow	8	2	5	22	37
Working	Families	0	0	1	0	1
	Other	4	13	14	13	44
	Total	2067	2318	2419	2066	8870
	Vote Cast on 5/21/200	151	131	183	111	576
	(% Voted: 6.5%)					

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

2008
Annual Town Report

BELCHERTOWN
HONORS OUR VETERANS
WHO SERVED IN THE
MIDDLE EAST WARS

Town of Belchertown

2008

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

BELCHERTOWN · MASSACHUSETTS
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FOR THE

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

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On the Cover: Our new Middle Eastern Veterans Memorial was erected on the Town Common and dedicated on Veterans' Day 2008.

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2008 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	323-6554	5/2009
Ellen Lachance	323-5588	5/2009

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	5/2009
Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2010
Eric Bright (elected 5/12/08)	5/2011
Ann Austin Pratt	5/2008

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2009
Donald J. Pipczynski	5/2009
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2010
Donald L. Minney	5/2010

Board of Assessors

William J. Huber	5/2009
Samuel J. Joyal	5/2010
Thomas A. Barry	5/2011

Board of Health

Roger M. Bonsall	5/2009
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2010
Gary R. Racicot	5/2010
Sean J. Cleary	5/2011
Robert B. Hutchinson *(elected 5/19/08)*	5/2011
Kenneth Nolan	5/2008

Housing Authority

Sally M. Dodge	5/2009
James J. Gambaro	5/2011
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2010
John Taras	5/2013
F. Knowlton Utley (State Member)	2/2007

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2011

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Michael A. O'Connor	11/2010
Judith C. Dudek	11/2012

Planning Board

James J. Natle	5/2009
George R. Synan	5/2010
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2011
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2012
Louis Faassen	5/2013

School Committee

Sharon D. Barnett	5/2009
Eric L. Weiss	5/2011
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2011
Beverly Phaneuf	5/2010
Barbara Schaffer Bacon *(resigned 10/1/08)*	5/2009

Board of Selectmen

Gerald A. Grasso	5/2009
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2009
Michael J. Reardon	5/2010
Alfred J. Roccanti	5/2010
James A. Barry	5/2011

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2009

2008 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/10

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/09

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/12

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J, Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report

Agricultural Commission (All members appointed 4/10/2006)

Grace Adzima	6/30/11
Will Shattuck	6/30/11
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/10
Hope Guardenier	6/30/10
Jon Clements	6/30/09
Richard Reidy – Assoc Mbr	6/30/09
Alan Page – Assoc Mbr	6/30/09
Susan Gay – Assoc Mbr	6/30/09
Daniel Beaudette – Assoc Mbr *(appt 3/10/08)*	6/30/09

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton *(appt 9/15/08)*	4/30/09
Linda Johnson	4/30/09
Terri Hazzard *(resigned 2/2008)*	4/30/08

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Katherine Thibedeau *(appt 9/29/08)*	4/30/09
Janet Lipscomb *(appt 11/10/08)*	4/30/09
Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/09
Morten Hazzard *(resigned 2/20/08)*	4/30/08

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/09

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/09

Civil Defense Deputy Director

Mark S. Brouillette	6/30/09

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc. (WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Plan Steering Committee

Linda LeDuc - Conservation Commission	Final Report
Ronald Aponte - Board of Selectmen	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa - Board of Health	Final Report
Chris Laurenzo - Planning Board	Final Report
Joe Clement - Agricultural Commission	Final Report
Woody Sherman - EDIC	Final Report
James Jackson - Police Dept.	Final Report
Terri Hazzard - At Large	Final Report
Judy Gillan - At Large	Final Report
Bernie Schliemann - At Large	Final Report

Community Preservation Committee

Betsy Loughran - At-Large	6/30/09
Robert Rizzo - Conservation Commission	6/30/09
Leslie Squires - Historical Commission	6/30/09
Edwina Cruise - At-Large	6/30/10
Cliff McCarthy - At-Large	6/30/10
James Gambaro - Housing Authority	6/30/10
Megan Manitsas - Recreation Commission	6/30/11
Ken Elstein - At-Large	6/30/11
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/11
Karen Schiffer - Recreation Commission	6/30/08

Conservation Commission

David M. Haines	6/30/09
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/09
John M. Clements	6/30/09
Edward T. Knight	6/30/10
Larry Therrien	6/30/10
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/11
Linda Leduc	6/30/11
Elaine Hitchcock *(appt 12/1/08)*	6/30/11
Richard Lanham–Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/09
Michael Cavatorta-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/09

Council on Aging

Esther Pierce	6/30/09
David Small *(appt 1/8/08)*	6/30/09
Patricia Kleeberg *(appt 3/10/08)*	6/30/09
Thomas Soja *(appt 3/10/08)*	6/30/10
Elaine Hitchcock *(appt 12/1/08)*	6/30/11
Josephine Fitzgerald	6/30/08
Joan Poole	6/30/08
Pat Richard *(appt 1/8/08); (Resigned 10/11/08)*	6/30/10

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sharon Cady-Harrison	6/30/09
Jennifer Whitehead *(appt 1/22/08)*	6/30/09
Carol Wagner *(appt 8/4/08)*	6/30/09
Daniel Green	6/30/10
Ashley K. Butler *(appt 1/14/08)*	6/30/10
Sharon Marean	6/30/11
Matt Grillo *(appt 3/10/08)*	6/30/11
Elaine Hitchcock *(appt 12/1/08)*	6/30/11
David Gottsegen	6/30/08
Audrey Miller *(appt 8/4/08); (resigned 9/19/08)*	6/30/10
Sharon McCartney *(resigned 7/31/08)*	6/30/11
Cynthia L.O. Huss *(resigned 7/30/2008)*	6/30/09

DIF Committee

James Barry - Selectman
Gary Brougham - Town Administrator
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer
Douglas Albertson - Planner
John Whelihan - Assessor
Loy Harris - EDIC
Paul Silva - Finance Committee

Dog Control By-Law Review Committee

Melissa Sam Caragulian	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa	Final Report
Jennifer Dier	Final Report
Janet Lindsey	Final Report
Jeffrey M. Rock	Final Report
Jeffrey G. Anliker	Final Report
Sally M. Dodge	Final Report

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/09
Loy Harris - Industrial Seat	6/30/09
Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/10
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/10
Richard Kump - Financial Seat	6/30/10
Richard Barry - Real Estate Seat	6/30/11
Woody Sherman, Associate Mbr.	6/30/09
George Synan, Associate Mbr.	6/30/08
Lloyd C. Chadbourne - Low Income Seat	6/30/08

EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer - EMT-Paramedic

EMS Department Part-Time

Jonathan T. Smith, EMT Paramedic	6/30/09
Richard Blomstrom, EMT Paramedic	6/30/09
Scott Kozak, EMT Paramedic	6/30/09
Jeffrey Lavoie, EMT Paramedic *(appt 1/29/08)*	6/30/09
John Lebrecque, EMT Paramedic	6/30/09
Lisa Maloney, EMT Paramedic	6/30/09
Kate O'Connor, EMT Paramedic	6/30/09
John Hawley, EMT Intermediate	6/30/09
Judi Searle, EMT Intermediate	6/30/09
Benjamin Saunders, EMT Basic	6/30/09
Stuart Remensnyder, EMT Basic	6/30/09
Jan Thornton, EMT Basic	6/30/09
David Conkey, EMT Basic	6/30/08
Wes Stevenson, EMT Basic	6/30/08
Randy Barnes, EMT Basic	6/30/08
John A. Kennedy, III, EMT Paramedic	6/30/08
Joan D'Ambrosia, EMT Paramedic	6/30/08

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/09
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/09
Cindy Brown	6/30/09
Kevin Brown	6/30/09
Carla Chaisson	6/30/09
Kevin LaCroix	6/30/09
Mark Nute	6/30/09
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/09
Darlene Coulombe	6/30/09
Scott Brown *(appt 2/11/08)*	6/30/09
Sean Walker *(appt 2/11/08)*	6/30/09
Scott Brown – Associate Mbr	6/30/08
Sean Walker –Associate Mbr	6/30/08
Peg Louraine	6/30/08

Belchertown Family Center

Angela Braese	6/30/09
Stacy Stackhouse	6/30/09
Amy Scott	6/30/10
Richard Poissant	6/30/08

Finance Committee

Themis Tsoumas	6/30/09
Steven Rose	6/30/10
Linda Barron	6/30/10
Paul M. Silva	6/30/11
Laurie Shea *(appt 7/31/2008)*	6/30/11
David A. Reed	6/30/08

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Joint Commission for Foley Field

Commission established 9/22/2008

Richard Barry, EDIC Rep.	Final Report
Robert Rizzo, Conservation Rep.	Final Report
Daniel Beaudette, Planning Board Rep.	Final Report
Ed Sokolowski, Recreation Comm. Rep.	Final Report
Alfred Roccanti, Selectmen Rep.	Final Report

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire/ EMS Merger Study Committee

All members appointed 11/20/2006

Larry Therrien	Final Report
Mark Brouillette	Final Report
Michael Greco	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final Report
David Auchter	Final Report
Jill Panto, Town Accountant	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/09

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/09
Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/07

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/09

Inspector of Animal

Gary Racicot	4/30/09

Historical Commission

F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/09
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/09
Shannon Materka	6/30/10
Steven Cole	6/30/10
Leslie Squires	6/30/11
Sue Fulton	6/30/11
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/11
Judith Fuller Gillan -Assoc. Mbr	6/30/09
Alice M. Pelissier – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/09

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Denise Smith	6/30/09
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/09
Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/10
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/11
Rob Condon-At Large	6/30/11

Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA)

Barry Crosby	6/30/08

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/11

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/09

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/09

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/09

Inspector of Wiring

Michael Staszko	6/30/09
Douglas Rae	6/30/09
Paul Choiniere	6/30/08

Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae	6/30/08

Personnel Board

Sharon Riley	6/30/09
Katharine Higgins-Shea *(appt 9/16/2008)*	6/30/09
Julie W. Peck	6/30/10
Kelly Flynn *(appt 8/26/08)*	6/30/10
Simon James	6/30/11
Jeanne L. Bell	6/30/08
Don Freeman	6/30/08
Joseph Bernard *(resigned 5/28/08)*	6/30/10

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board
Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Mark Andrews *(appt 10/14/08)*	6/30/09
Donald Pipczynski	6/30/08
Ron Akins	6/30/08

Police Candidate Review Committee

(all members appointed 5/29/2007)

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
John Drawec	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/09

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Bruce Jenks	6/30/09
David Conkey	6/30/09
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/09
William A. Panto	6/30/09

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Edward H. Oey	6/30/09
Linnea Bernard	6/30/09
James Daniels	6/30/09
Valerie Cote	6/30/09
Adam Brougham	6/30/09
Neil Lozier	6/30/09
John Raymer	6/30/09
Jason Krol	6/30/09
Steven W. Henn, Jr.	6/30/09
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/09
David Williams	6/30/09
Jason Christofori	6/30/09
Michael Beaupre *(appt 9/2/08, eff. 9/4/08)*	
Michael Roney *(appt 9/2/08, eff. 9/4/08)*	

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/09
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/09
Michael T. Roney, Jr.	6/30/09
Josh Dufresne	6/30/09
Michael J. Beaupre	6/30/09
Matthew R. Benoit	6/30/09
Jacob Strange *(appt 2/7/08)*	6/30/09
Andrew Sieracki *(2/7/08)*	6/30/09
James Taylor	6/30/09
Linnea Lavoie-Bernard	6/30/08
John Bonafini	6/30/08
Jason Christofori	6/30/08
Justin Hooten	6/30/08
Averi Roy *(appt 2/7/08); (resigned 10/10/08)*	6/30/09

Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report

Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/09
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/09
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/09

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) Representatives

Daniel Beaudette *(appt 5/28/08)*	6/30/09
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/09

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/09

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program (Belchertown Representative)

Gregory Galanek	6/30/09

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Rationing Board

Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/08
David H. Squires	6/30/07

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Recreation Commission

Lisa Gustafson	6/30/09
Kathleen Williams	6/30/10
Thomas P. Kubacki	6/30/10
Kelly A. Harris	6/30/10
Megan Manitsas *(appt 6/23/08)*	6/30/11
Karen Corey *(appt 10/27/08)*	6/30/11
Edward Sokolowski - Assoc. Mbr *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
Karen Corey – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/08
Megan Manitsas – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/08
Edward Sokolowski	6/30/08
Karen Schiffer	6/30/08
Scott Ingram *(resigned 3/31/08)*	6/30/09

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory) Regional Economic Development Commission – Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Gerald Grasso

Michael Reardon-Alternate Mbr

Registrars of Voters

M. Florine Neggers	3/31/09
William R. Barnett	6/30/09
Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/10
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/11

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury - Belchertown High School	3/31/09

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	8/31/09

Election Officers – Precinct A

George R. Harrell (Warden)	8/31/09
Caroline Joyal (Clerk)	8/31/09

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane K. Ricchiazzi (Warden)	8/31/09
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/09

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge (Warden)	8/31/09
John D. Burns (Clerk)	8/31/09

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	8/31/09
Michael J. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/09

Rent Control Board

Simon James	6/30/09
Steven Syriac	6/30/11

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Richard Pazasis	6/30/09
Michael O'Connor	6/30/09
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/09
Keith Poulin	6/30/09
Simon R. James	6/30/09
Theresa Glanville	6/30/09
Sharon Barnett	6/30/09

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/09

Senior Center Building Committee

Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka	Final Report

Skate Park Committee

Ed Lofland *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
Nancy Voyer *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
H. Bradford Rose *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/10
Laura Tan *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/10
David Belknap *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/11
Christine Shaw *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/11
Marcia G. Gamache - Assoc Mbr *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
Jeremy Shaw - Assoc Mbr *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
Carolyn O'Donnell - Assoc Mbr *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
Richard Downey - Assoc Mbr *(appt 9/15/08)*	6/30/09
Patrick O'Connor	6/30/08
Thomas Brown	6/30/08
Melissa Brown	6/30/08

Skate Park Committee continued

Matthew A. Sikes	6/30/08
Sandra Ely	6/30/08
Aubrey Menard - Assoc. Mbr	6/30/08
Ed Comeau - Assoc Mbr	6/30/08
Deb Comeau - Assoc Mbr *(appt 8/6/08)*	6/30/08
Ed Lofland - Assoc Mbr *(appt 8/6/08)*	6/30/08
Steven M. Auclair - Assoc Mbr	6/30/08

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/09

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams - DPW	Final Report

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/09
James Burke	6/30/09
Christopher deHahn	6/30/09
Joseph Gohra	6/30/09
Lew Louraine	6/30/09
Paul Nelson	6/30/09
Kristopher Pacunas	6/30/08

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/09

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/10

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/09

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/09

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/09

Town Government Study Committee

Andrew Todd Rome	Final Report
Elizabeth Wexford	Final Report
Betty Jean Jackson	Final Report
Fran Carmody Freeman	Final Report
Beth Cohen	Final Report
Lew Louraine *(resigned 11/21/2008)*	Final Report
Thomas Richards *(resigned3/12/2008)*	Final Report

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/12

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/12

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	4/30/09

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

All members appointed 4/14/2008

Raymond Janke	Period of employment
Vincent Viglione	Period of employment
Michael Mount	6/30/09
Keith Poulin	6/30/09
Gerry Desilets	6/30/09
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/09
William Bowen	6/30/10
Janet Jourdain	6/30/11
William McClure - Assoc Mbr *(appt 5/12/08)*	6/30/09

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III

War Memorial Committee

Edward T. Knight	6/30/09
William Bowan *(appt 5/27/08)*	6/30/09
Francis A. Dudek	6/30/10
Leslie Squires *(appt 9/2/08)*	6/30/10
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/11
Susan Gay, Assoc Mbr	6/30/09
Archie Archible, Assoc Mbr *(appt 9/2/08)*	6/30/09
F. Thomas Keefe *(resigned 2/1/08)*	6/30/09
Leo Beauchemin *(resigned 3/31/08)*	6/30/09

Zoning Board of Appeals

Gregory A. Galanek *(appt 5/20/08)*	6/30/09
Richard G. Barry	6/30/10
Raymond G. Goff	6/30/11
Diane Loftus Mas *(resigned 1/24/2008)*	6/30/09
Robert Hislop, Assoc Mbr *(appt 5/20/08)*	6/30/09
Bernadette Harrigan, Assoc Mbr	6/30/09
Dave Lucey, Assoc Mbr *(appt 3/3/08)*	6/30/09
Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/08

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/09

Board of Selectmen

For the year 2008 and the beginning of 2009, Belchertown has been presented with financial challenges not seen by the Town, the State, the Nation and the World, since the Great Depression of the late 1920's and 30's. Although we face tremendous financial challenges as a town, state, and nation over the next few years, we must not pander to despair, but must unite in our efforts to look at this time as a time for great human potential and as a time of transition. We must now look past this recent era of greed and excess, towards an era where as a town we support each other, as we get through these trying times. It is important to note that the one thing history tells us all, is that we will get through this and be better and more prosperous in the near future.

Over the past several years, the Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee have worked cooperatively and effectively to produce town budgets that adequately addressed the needs of our growing community, while maintaining limits in the amount of the growth in the budget. This allowed the Town to keep the operations moving in a progressive direction, rather than a regressive direction.

Through the work of our financial teams, Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Council of Governments, we have been able to save the Town tens of thousands of dollars on energy costs. The work of our Town Treasurer has led to the Town recouping a few hundred thousand dollars in exceedingly delinquent tax revenues.

As a result of these efforts over the past few years Belchertown was able to consistently add revenues to our town's Stabilization Fund. Our Stabilization Fund now has over $1,200,000. Now the fruits of those efforts are and will be recognized as the Town of Belchertown is relatively well positioned to address this economic downturn for the next few years, with minimal impact on overall town services. An example of this came in February of 2009, when Governor Patrick announced that due to the ongoing recession, the State's anticipated revenues had come in well below expectations. The Governor, with the authorization of the State Legislature authorized the Governor to institute mid year emergency 9C cuts, to cities and towns across the State. Belchertown's local aid was reduced just over $300,000. While other cities and towns across the State were faced with mid year layoffs and drastic service reductions, Belchertown was able to weather the storm by working cooperatively as a town. The Selectmen, Finance Committee and the School Committee, met and resolved this mid year cut by recommending the use of $225,000 from the Stabilization Fund, along with minimal mid year reductions to the Town and School District's budget.

However, as we enter the next fiscal year and possibly the next few years, we cannot rely alone on taking revenues from the Stabilization Fund to cover all of the anticipated losses in local aid and in local receipts. There will be a need by our financial teams to balance the need for services with that of available revenues, in making all decisions within the next few years. Our Department Heads will need to look, with a fine tooth comb at their budgets, to maintain, where possible, services and positions.

Given these difficult times ahead there needs to be a concerted effort to maintain our town employees' jobs. Unlike in past years, if an employee was to lose their employment with the town, due to budget reductions, there was a reasonable expectation that the employee would be able to find employment in the private sector. This is no longer the case. With unemployment figures in Massachusetts around 8%

and anticipated to go as high as 10%, we must find a way to maintain our employees' jobs and livelihoods. We can only achieve this goal through the work of our town employees, working together to support each other through these difficult times.

It is also important to recognize that many of our citizens have also been negatively impacted by this recession, by either the loss of employment in the private or public sector, or to the reductions in their retirement savings. It will be important to keep the costs of doing business in town to a level that can be sustained by every citizen throughout this economic downturn.

As with our citizens, our local businesses have and will most likely continue to be negatively impacted by this recession. During good economic times our local businesses donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to public and private ventures, benefiting all of the citizens of Belchertown. It is because our local businesses have proven to be good and valuable friends and neighbors that the Selectmen have encouraged our citizens to buy and use goods and services from local businesses. The Selectmen have also pushed our town departments to make concerted efforts in supporting local business by allowing those businesses to have the opportunity to bid on providing their goods and services to the Town.

In the next few years there will be an increased need for citizen volunteers to assist in maintaining some services to our existing programs and services. Over the past several years the Town has benefited greatly from the tens of thousands of hours from volunteers assisting in programs and services to such programs as the Senior Center, Recreation Department, Veterans Services, School Department, Police and Fire Departments. There will also be vacancies on Town Committees for the citizens to take an important and active role in their community.

One cornerstone of our community, in good times and bad, has been the Belchertown Fair, which consists of all volunteers. The Belchertown Fair Committee has maintained an annual tradition in town for the past 151 years. In recent years the Committee has added the new annual Fireworks Display on Thursday evening that signals the kickoff of the Belchertown Fair. During difficult times, the Belchertown Fair has provided every current citizen, as well as past citizens, the opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate our town, our history and to renew old acquaintances.

Through Belchertown's proud history, we have faced many challenges before as a town united, and have succeeded. It is with this spirit that we will again succeed to a better and promising future.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Reardon, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The Town Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Town. On a regular basis this office is directly involved in activities to include but not limited to procurement, legal matters, personnel management, resolving residential concerns and complaints, implementing policies and procedures established by the Board of Selectmen, budget preparation, addressing the Town's capital needs and/or any other associated matters. Over the past year meeting these requirements and maintaining the Town's core services has become increasingly difficult.

As you are all painfully aware, the global economy continues to falter at an alarming rate; consequently, Belchertown's economic interests and revenue sources are directly impacted. Unlike several years ago when we predictably experienced upwards of 100 new homes per year, 2008's residential home starts finished at 13. This decrease in building activity has a tremendous impact in Belchertown's economy, both inside and outside of these town offices. Fortunately, however, we have experienced a modest increase in business development over the past year, and would like to extend a warm welcome to Grand Lumber, Tractor Supply Co., Quabbin Service Center and RAS Machine Parts. All of these interests have invested generously in Belchertown at a very critical time.

As state and federal revenue sources continue to diminish we anticipate our economic challenges to continue well into the new year. In spite of the difficult times, we were able to maintain a respectable level of capital spending on or towards the Town's infrastructure. Some of those items are as follows:

- Completion of the Jackson Street Sewer Interceptor Project;
- Delivery of a new Class A Fire Pumper for the Belchertown Fire Department;
- Delivery of a new Class A Ambulance for the Belchertown Emergency Medical Services Department;
- Delivery of several new response vehicles for the Belchertown Police Department;
- Completion of the Roof Replacement at the Chestnut Hill Community School.

Moving forward, the Town will continue to assess and improve the Town's capital infrastructure as funding becomes available.

Finally, I would again like to personally thank the many volunteers, appointed committee and board members, elected officials, dedicated employees of our town for their ongoing efforts. Collectively these are the individuals who continue to make Belchertown the great community it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

This year's Finance Committee year-end report will vary from the traditional breakdown of percentage increases as to each department. In summary, FY09 saw a significant increase in state aid to the cherry sheets arising out of a recalculation of the state's complex funding formula. Basically, Belchertown benefited from a reemphasis on high growth school populations. Despite this substantial increase, town officials acted fiscally conservatively and kept to a minimum new hiring. The Town's total budget increased from $39,871,129 in FY08 to $42,609,359 in FY09, an increase of 7%. Free cash was certified at $676,294 and the stabilization fund was increased to $1,069,000.

As for FY10, every town and city in the commonwealth is facing a financial crisis that is unprecedented in potential severity. The nation and the commonwealth are in the midst of a severe recession that officials anticipate will spill into FY11. The statewide deficit is in the billions. Overall the financial future has been described as "bleak." Every month the state receipts have not met budget targets. As of the date of this report, 9c cuts to local aid are inevitable. The Speaker of the House has specifically warned towns to expect a reduction of state aid from 5 to 10%. Because of unavoidable increases in fixed costs, even level funding by the state for FY10 would result in significant hardship and probable further layoffs. Cuts in the range of 10%, depending obviously on how that is defined, will result in sharp reductions in services across the board, and very well may require the closing of entire departments not deemed absolutely essential.

All of this bad news requires a few words of caution as we head into this challenging budget season. All the citizens of Belchertown must avoid picking a favorite department or service and taking the position that no cuts are possible. There can be no sacred cows. We must avoid infighting between the departments. We must all keep an open mind to all possibilities. Currently only a small percentage of residents actually gets involved and volunteers their time and energy to town government. To keep some of these departments open, more residents have to get involved and volunteer.

Also, the Selectmen face extremely difficult choices. Whatever hard decisions are made, people's lives and jobs are at stake, and everyone involved in this process understands this. We will do everything possible to avoid layoffs. All citizens should be aware that they are well served by a leadership team that will balance the best interest and needs of all the citizens, including the taxpayers, as we meet this difficult future together.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee
Steven Rose, Chairman
Linda Barron
Paul Silva
Themis Tsoumas
Laurie Shea

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2008

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,321,249.96	2,270,213.33	902,282.21	233,788.92	114,330.55	2,291,572.19		9,133,437.16
Petty Cash Advance	30.00	4,636.00						4,666.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	415,035.46							415,035.46
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	278,220.77							278,220.77
Tax Liens	533,417.88			14,532.86				547,950.74
Special Assessments	69,507.85			5,242,686.66				5,312,194.51
Departmental	192,741.09			274,635.54				467,376.63
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(280,273.46)							(280,273.46)
Tax Foreclosures	219,643.15							219,643.15
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,668.79						3,668.79
Due From Other Governments	126,781.79	901,247.21	733,545.66					1,761,574.66
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00	300,000.00	220,000.00					520,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							41,527,887.02	41,527,887.02
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							183,716.12	183,716.12
Total Assets	4,927,655.22	3,479,765.33	1,855,827.87	5,765,643.98	114,330.55	2,291,572.19	41,711,603.14	60,146,398.28

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2008

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	1,898,739.08	196,538.72	0.00	23,930.54	9,005.42	690.00		2,128,903.76
Employee Withholdings	272,274.48	2,525.00						274,799.48
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	4,237.75							4,237.75
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	278,220.77							278,220.77
Tax Liens	533,417.88			14,532.86				547,950.74
Special Assessments	69,507.85			5,242,686.66				5,312,194.51
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	192,741.09			274,635.54				467,376.63
Tax Foreclosures	219,643.15							219,643.15
CPA Surcharge Receivable		2,974.09						
Government Receivable	126,781.79	508,783.21	733,545.66					1,369,110.66
Grant Receivable		392,464.00						392,464.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	300,000.00	220,000.00					520,000.00
Early Payment of 2009 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	34,324.25	694.70						35,018.95
Unclaimed Checks	13,740.02							13,740.02
Excess on Land of Low Value	41,233.61							41,233.61
Bond Indebtedness							41,527,887.02	41,527,887.02
Compensated Absences							183,716.12	183,716.12
Total Liabilities	3,736,162.45	1,403,979.72	953,545.66	5,555,785.60	9,005.42	690.00	41,711,603.14	53,370,771.99
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	102,656.00			10.30				102,666.30
Reserve for Expenditures		135,139.20		142,607.00	27,047.00			304,793.20
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,088,836.77							1,088,836.77
Reserved Fund Balance		1,883,778.43	902,282.21	67,241.08	78,278.13	2,290,882.19		5,222,462.04
Title V Septic System Loan		56,867.98						56,867.98
Total Fund Equity	1,191,492.77	2,075,785.61	902,282.21	209,858.38	105,325.13	2,290,882.19	0.00	6,775,626.29
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	4,927,655.22	3,479,765.33	1,855,827.87	5,765,643.98	114,330.55	2,291,572.19	41,711,603.14	60,146,398.28

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

ASSETS		
Cash		3,321,249.96
Petty Cash Advance		30.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	415,035.46	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	278,220.77	
Tax Liens	533,417.88	
Special Assessments	69,507.85	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	192,741.09	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	126,781.79	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(280,273.46)	
		1,386,732.11
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		219,643.15
Total Assets		4,927,655.22
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		1,898,739.08
Employee Withholdings		272,274.48
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	4,237.75	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	278,220.77	
Tax Liens	533,417.88	
Special Assessments	69,507.85	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	192,741.09	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	126,781.79	
Tax Foreclosures	219,643.15	
		1,475,851.01
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		41,233.61
Early Payment of 2009 Property Tax		34,324.25
Unclaimed Checks		13,740.02
Total Liabilities		3,736,162.45
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		0.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		102,656.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,088,836.77
Total Fund Equity		1,191,492.77
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		4,927,655.22

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

			GRANTS			School			Totals
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Fund	(Memo Only)
ASSETS									
Cash	489,608.90	(56,214.23)	1,858.07	188,614.63	29,407.62	124,451.60	1,272,558.68	219,928.06	2,270,213.33
Petty Cash Advance							4,636.00		4,636.00
Due From Commonwealth		367,024.21		309,400.00			141,759.00		818,183.21
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable				300,000.00					300,000.00
Surcharge Receivable	3,668.79								3,668.79
Due from Federal Government			83,064.00						83,064.00
Total Assets	493,277.69	310,809.98	84,922.07	798,014.63	29,407.62	124,451.60	1,418,953.68	219,928.06	3,479,765.33
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable	4,680.00	0.00	69,477.81	40,392.44	12,348.37	11,321.92	56,261.11	2,057.07	196,538.72
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		367,024.21					141,759.00		508,783.21
Employee Withholdings								2,525.00	2,525.00
Bond Anticipation Note				300,000.00					300,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	2,974.09								2,974.09
Early pmt of '08 CPA Surcarge	694.70								694.70
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable			83,064.00	309,400.00					392,464.00
Total Liabilities	8,348.79	367,024.21	152,541.81	649,792.44	12,348.37	11,321.92	198,020.11	4,582.07	1,403,979.72
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	349,789.70	(56,214.23)	(67,619.74)	148,222.19	17,059.25	113,129.68	1,164,065.59	215,345.99	1,883,778.43
Reserve for Open Space	30,942.60								30,942.60
Reserve for Historic Resources	30,618.30								30,618.30
Reserve for Community Housing	73,578.30								73,578.30
Title V Septic System Loan							56,867.98		56,867.98
Total Fund Equity	484,928.90	(56,214.23)	(67,619.74)	148,222.19	17,059.25	113,129.68	1,220,933.57	215,345.99	2,075,785.61
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	493,277.69	310,809.98	84,922.07	798,014.63	29,407.62	124,451.60	1,418,953.68	219,928.06	3,479,765.33

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	FY08 Capital	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	10,520.66	122,428.65	769,332.90	902,282.21
WPAT Receivable		733,545.66		733,545.66
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		220,000.00		220,000.00
Total Assets	10,520.66	1,075,974.31	769,332.90	1,855,827.87
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		733,545.66		733,545.66
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		220,000.00		220,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payab		0.00		0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	953,545.66	0.00	953,545.66
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	10,520.66	122,428.65	769,332.90	902,282.21
Total Fund Equity	10,520.66	122,428.65	769,332.90	902,282.21
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	10,520.66	1,075,974.31	769,332.90	1,855,827.87

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

ASSETS		
Cash		233,788.92
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	14,532.86	
Sewer User Fees	274,635.54	
Assessments	5,242,686.66	
Due from Tax Liens - Sewer	0.00	
		5,531,855.06
Total Assets		5,765,643.98
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		23,930.54
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	14,532.86	
Sewer User Fees	274,635.54	
Assessments	5,242,686.66	
Tax Liens - Sewer	0.00	
		5,531,855.06
Total Liabilities		5,555,785.60
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		142,607.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		10.30
Retained Earnings		67,241.08
Total Fund Equity		209,858.38
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		5,765,643.98

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

ASSETS	
Cash	114,330.55
Total Assets	114,330.55
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	9,005.42
Total Liabilities	9,005.42
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	27,047.00
Retained Earnings	78,278.13
Total Fund Equity	105,325.13
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	114,330.55

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rc MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	FmHA USDA Pine Valley Springfld Rd	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Everett Fuller, Toppin	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																		
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	22,630,000.00	185,000.00	1,110,000.00	3,920,000.00	5,165,500.00	338,476.00	402,844.00	852,409.00	0.00	50,287.50	550,000.00	355,000.00	1,090,000.00	1,571,991.00	3,306,379.52			41,527,887.02
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence																26,570.32	157,145.80	183,716.12
Total Assets	22,630,000.00	185,000.00	1,110,000.00	3,920,000.00	5,165,500.00	338,476.00	402,844.00	852,409.00	0.00	50,287.50	550,000.00	355,000.00	1,090,000.00	1,571,991.00	3,306,379.52	26,570.32	157,145.80	41,711,603.14
LIABILITIES																		
Bond Indebtedness	22,630,000.00	185,000.00	1,110,000.00	3,920,000.00	5,165,500.00	338,476.00	402,844.00	852,409.00	0.00	50,287.50	550,000.00	355,000.00	1,090,000.00	1,571,991.00	3,306,379.52			41,527,887.02
Compensated Absences																26,570.32	157,145.80	183,716.12
Total Liabilities	22,630,000.00	185,000.00	1,110,000.00	3,920,000.00	5,165,500.00	338,476.00	402,844.00	852,409.00	0.00	50,287.50	550,000.00	355,000.00	1,090,000.00	1,571,991.00	3,306,379.52	26,570.32	157,145.80	41,711,603.14

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	18,522,796.32						18,522,796.32
State Receipts	16,141,409.70						16,141,409.70
Excise Taxes	1,594,523.22						1,594,523.22
Tax Liens	175,883.54						175,883.54
Lieu Taxes	221,040.48						221,040.48
Licenses & Permits	166,172.30						166,172.30
Special Assessments	17,877.51						17,877.51
Interest	402,849.49	30,512.92		5,130.53		90,462.37	528,955.31
Fines & Forfeits	59,000.97						59,000.97
Departmental Revenue	374,418.74	2,544,373.48		1,251,350.20	290,150.21		4,460,292.63
Fees	71,209.45						71,209.45
Rentals	53,977.62						53,977.62
Umass Transit	33,042.00						33,042.00
Other Miscellaneous	45,179.40	362,260.89					407,440.29
Grants		2,768,850.47					2,768,850.47
Performance Guarantees		0.00					0.00
Gifts		401,140.88					401,140.88
Temporary Loans		368,000.00	220,000.00				588,000.00
MWPAT			1,074,454.34				1,074,454.34
Bond Proceeds			1,185,000.00				1,185,000.00
Total Revenues	37,879,380.74	6,475,138.64	2,479,454.34	1,256,480.73	290,150.21	90,462.37	48,471,067.03
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,468,776.67	869,651.79					2,338,428.46
Protection of Persons & Property	2,719,946.68	210,740.70					2,930,687.38
Education	23,071,340.27	3,596,679.78					26,668,020.05
Public Works	2,001,956.18	412,273.10		648,031.97	299,236.37		3,361,497.62
Human Services	642,650.36	229,692.68				21,421.87	893,764.91
Culture & Recreation	642,438.29	297,136.05					939,574.34

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	2,780,995.94						2,780,995.94
Debt & Interest	3,782,275.10			755,982.27			4,538,257.37
State Assessments	700,290.00						700,290.00
Prior Year Expenditures	34,897.29						34,897.29
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			1,145,262.29				1,145,262.29
Equipment			384,750.00				384,750.00
Return of Unexpended Funds			0.00				0.00
Temporary Loan		458,000.00	150000				608,000.00
Total Expenditures	37,845,566.78	6,074,174.10	1,680,012.29	1,404,014.24	299,236.37	21,421.87	47,324,425.65
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	33,813.96	400,964.54	799,442.05	(147,533.51)	(9,086.16)	69,040.50	1,146,641.38
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	813,480.91	0.00	0.00	79,378.00	0.00	245,465.63	1,138,324.54
Operating Transfers Out	597,378.00	372,480.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	123,000.00	1,092,858.91
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	216,102.91	(372,480.91)	0.00	79,378.00	0.00	122,465.63	45,465.63
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	249,916.87	28,483.63	799,442.05	(68,155.51)	(9,086.16)	191,506.13	1,192,107.01
Audit Adjustment	(4,293.70)						(4,293.70)
Fund Balance 7-1-07	945,869.60	2,045,190.98	102,840.16	278,013.89	114,411.29	1,345,194.63	4,831,520.55
Fund Balance 6-30-08	1,191,492.77	2,073,674.61	902,282.21	209,858.38	105,325.13	1,536,700.76	6,019,333.86

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	18,572,136.23	18,522,796.32	(49,339.91)
State Receipts	16,086,238.00	16,141,409.70	55,171.70
Excise Taxes	1,460,500.00	1,594,523.22	134,023.22
Tax Liens	0.00	175,883.54	175,883.54
Lieu Taxes	171,000.00	221,040.48	50,040.48
Licenses & Permits	222,650.00	166,172.30	(56,477.70)
Special Assessments	10,958.00	17,877.51	6,919.51
Interest	265,200.00	402,849.49	137,649.49
Fines & Forfeits	60,200.00	59,000.97	(1,199.03)
Departmental Revenue	276,400.00	374,418.74	98,018.74
Fees	66,440.00	71,209.45	4,769.45
Rentals	52,000.00	53,977.62	1,977.62
Umass Transit	32,000.00	33,042.00	1,042.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	45,179.40	45,179.40
Temporary Loans	0.00	318,000.00	318,000.00
Total Revenues	37,275,722.23	38,197,380.74	921,658.51
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,518,599.20	1,468,776.67	49,822.53
Protection of Persons & Property	2,763,406.17	2,719,946.68	43,459.49
Education	23,094,078.00	23,071,340.27	22,737.73
Public Works	2,018,256.00	2,001,956.18	16,299.82
Human Services	655,865.07	642,650.36	13,214.71
Culture & Recreation	646,186.00	642,438.29	3,747.71
Insurance & Unclassified	2,853,828.83	2,780,995.94	72,832.89
Debt & Interest	3,783,152.00	3,782,275.10	876.90
State Assessments	670,044.00	700,290.00	(30,246.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	34,922.99	34,897.29	25.70
Temporary Loans	0.00	318,000.00	(318,000.00)
Total Expenditures	38,038,338.26	38,163,566.78	(125,228.52)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		33,813.96	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	490,000.00	495,480.91	
Operating Transfers Out	279,378.00	279,378.00	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	210,622.00	216,102.91	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		249,916.87	
Audit Adjustments		(4,293.70)	
Fund Balance 7/1/07		945,869.60	
Fund Balance 6/30/08		1,191,492.77	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY09
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	$25.00	$25.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$18,566.00	$17,646.24	$919.76	
Town Administrator	$176,541.00	$176,093.76	$447.24	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,500.00	$1,325.86	$174.14	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$195.00	$55.00	
Reserve Fund	$2,570.00	$0.00	$2,570.00 *	
Town Accountant	$176,319.00	$168,260.04	$8,058.96	$7,700.00
MIS Director	$251,172.00	$235,928.84	$15,243.16	$9,212.00
Assessors	$250,002.00	$243,055.75	$6,946.25	$6,300.50
Treasurer/Collector	$258,545.00	$252,978.78	$5,566.22	
Law Account	$96,200.00	$96,138.84	$61.16	
Town Clerk	$100,030.00	$99,589.95	$440.05	
Election & Registration	$21,560.00	$21,237.02	$322.98	
Conservation Commission	$67,666.00	$60,713.91	$6,952.09	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,945.20	$1,945.20	$0.00	
Planning Board	$88,778.00	$88,741.71	$36.29	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00	$1,326.07	$1,368.93	
EDIC	$300.00	$271.20	$28.80	
Agricultural Commission	$485.00	$484.50	$0.50	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Printing Town Report	$3,250.00	$2,819.00	$431.00	
	$1,518,599.20	$1,468,776.67	$49,822.53	$23,212.50
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$1,686,122.00	$1,672,380.92	$13,741.08	$8.65
Fire Department	$312,277.00	$311,729.75	$547.25	
Hydrant Service	$23,515.00	$23,514.40	$0.60	
EMS	$557,157.17	$539,433.73	$17,723.44	$13.69
Injured on Duty	$3,000.00	$0.00	$3,000.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	$12,841.00	$12,841.00	$0.00	
Inspection Services	$128,755.00	$120,616.00	$8,139.00	$39.00
Civil Defense	$1,520.00	$1,481.70	$38.30	
Dog Officer	$38,219.00	$37,949.18	$269.82	
	$2,763,406.17	$2,719,946.68	$43,459.49	$61.34
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$22,311,720.00	$22,288,984.27	$22,735.73	$15,654.41
Regional School	$782,358.00	$782,356.00	$2.00	
	$23,094,078.00	$23,071,340.27	$22,737.73	$15,654.41

Town of Belchertown
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For Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY09
PUBLIC WORKS				
Personal Services	$638,786.00	$635,649.41	$3,136.59	
Professional Engineering	$15,000.00	$14,792.41	$207.59	$51.39
Administration	$7,400.00	$6,008.63	$1,391.37	
Snow & Ice Control	$347,009.00	$347,008.88	$0.12	
Street Lighting	$34,190.00	$32,776.75	$1,413.25	
Road Machinery	$128,200.00	$127,706.10	$493.90	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$81,500.00	$81,259.87	$240.13	
Town Garage	$30,935.00	$30,242.98	$692.02	
Hired Services	$93,500.00	$92,373.42	$1,126.58	$1,500.00
Maintenance/Grounds	$328,409.00	$327,140.64	$1,268.36	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$52,940.00	$52,433.69	$506.31	
Finnerty House	$5,710.00	$5,697.06	$12.94	
EMS Building	$10,550.00	$10,405.97	$144.03	
Police Station	$57,696.00	$57,286.48	$409.52	
Senior Center Building	$52,361.00	$52,064.68	$296.32	
Recreation Building	$25,160.00	$24,866.73	$293.27	
Freedom Center	$24,350.00	$23,719.68	$630.32	
Franklin School Building	$1,000.00	$304.16	$695.84	
Fire Station	$35,475.00	$35,110.81	$364.19	
Everett Ave Property	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$7,750.00	$7,714.26	$35.74	
Old Town Hall	$7,200.00	$7,093.37	$106.63	
Town Common	$2,750.00	$2,604.11	$145.89	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$29,785.00	$27,096.09	$2,688.91	
	$2,018,256.00	$2,001,956.18	$16,299.82	$1,551.39
HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health	$17,332.00	$10,574.15	$6,757.85	
Quabbin Health District	$120,099.07	$120,099.07	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$349,902.00	$348,062.31	$1,839.69	
Veterans' Services	$168,532.00	$163,914.83	$4,617.17	
	$655,865.07	$642,650.36	$13,214.71	$0.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Clapp Memorial Library	$362,811.00	$361,513.75	$1,297.25	
Recreation Department	$208,062.00	$207,572.13	$489.87	
Recreation - Pool	$35,540.00	$35,533.25	$6.75	
Teen Center Operating	$32,525.00	$31,347.72	$1,177.28	$90.00
Town Beach	$3,100.00	$2,979.74	$120.26	
Family Center	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$0.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$180.00	$320.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$311.70	$36.30	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$646,186.00	$642,438.29	$3,747.71	$90.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY09
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$48,625.00	$45,376.84	$3,248.16	
Council of Governments	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$1,438,750.00	$1,438,750.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$2,500.00	$0.00	$2,500.00	
Unemployment	$4,000.00	$362.65	$3,637.35	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$818,500.00	$818,187.81	$312.19	
Group Life-Town Share	$3,100.00	$3,017.73	$82.27	
Medicare-Town Share	$73,500.00	$72,606.81	$893.19	
General Insurance	$386,488.00	$386,414.63	$73.37	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$365.83	$365.83	$0.00	
FY08 One Time Approp.	$68,000.00	$5,913.64	$62,086.36	$62,086.36
	$2,853,828.83	$2,780,995.94	$72,832.89	$62,086.36
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,371,876.00	$2,371,000.00	$876.00	
Interest	$1,411,276.00	$1,411,275.10	$0.90	
	$3,783,152.00	$3,782,275.10	$876.90	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$1,550.00	$1,550.00	$0.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$22,884.79	$22,884.79	$0.00	
School Department	$8,216.55	$8,216.55	$0.00	
Public Works	$205.96	$205.96	$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	$2,065.69	$2,039.99	$25.70	
	$34,922.99	$34,897.29	$25.70	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY09
SUMMARY				
General Government	$1,518,599.20	$1,468,776.67	$49,822.53	$23,212.50
Protection of Persons/Property	$2,763,406.17	$2,719,946.68	$43,459.49	$61.34
Education	$23,094,078.00	$23,071,340.27	$22,737.73	$15,654.41
Public Works	$2,018,256.00	$2,001,956.18	$16,299.82	$1,551.39
Human Services	$655,865.07	$642,650.36	$13,214.71	$0.00
Culture & Recreation	$646,186.00	$642,438.29	$3,747.71	$90.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$2,853,828.83	$2,780,995.94	$72,832.89	$62,086.36
Debt & Interest	$3,783,152.00	$3,782,275.10	$876.90	$0.00
	$37,333,371.27	$37,110,379.49	$222,991.78	$102,656.00
Encumbered Funds	$34,922.99	$34,897.29	$25.70	$0.00
TOTALS	$37,368,294.26	$37,145,276.78	$223,017.48	$102,656.00

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

			GRANTS						
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	159,175.00	398,791.59	848,619.87	960,534.10	181,041.28		220,688.63		2,768,850.47
Collections & Fees	172,281.65			37,965.00	624,674.06	309,350.47	1,187,837.31	212,264.99	2,544,373.48
Interest	22,088.93				906.44		762.08	6,755.47	30,512.92
Performance Guarantees									0.00
Gifts			953.00			13,522.42	386,665.46		401,140.88
Temporary Loans				368,000.00					368,000.00
Other							57,822.97	304,437.92	362,260.89
Total Revenues	353,545.58	398,791.59	849,572.87	1,366,499.10	806,621.78	322,872.89	1,853,776.45	523,458.38	6,475,138.64
Expenditures:									
General Government	305,362.46			310,565.00			171,487.45	82,236.88	869,651.79
Protection of Persons & Property				38,339.78			28,520.41	143,880.51	210,740.70
Education			758,631.74	482,005.82	888,903.67	303,640.98	832,559.75	330,937.82	3,596,679.78
Department of Public Works		336,787.04		0.00			61,001.06	14,485.00	412,273.10
Human Services			161,133.21	47,351.50			21,207.97		229,692.68
Culture & Recreation			9,989.43	20,601.39			266,545.23		297,136.05
Debt & Interest				458,000.00					458,000.00
Total Expenditures	305,362.46	336,787.04	929,754.38	1,356,863.49	888,903.67	303,640.98	1,381,321.87	571,540.21	6,074,174.10
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	48,183.12	62,004.55	(80,181.51)	9,635.61	(82,281.89)	19,231.91	472,454.58	(48,081.83)	400,964.54
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In									0.00
Operating Transfers Out			0.50				372,480.41		372,480.91
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	(0.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(372,480.41)	0.00	(372,480.91)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

			GRANTS						
		Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	48,183.12	62,004.55	(80,182.01)	9,635.61	(82,281.89)	19,231.91	99,974.17	(48,081.83)	28,483.63
Balance 7-1-07	436,745.78	(118,218.78)	12,562.22	138,586.58	99,341.14	93,897.77	1,116,323.45	265,952.82	2,045,190.98
Balance 6-30-08	484,928.90	(56,214.23)	(67,619.79)	148,222.19	17,059.25	113,129.68	1,216,297.62	217,870.99	2,073,674.61

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	FY08 Capital	WWTP & Other Sewer	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
MWPAT			1,074,454.34	$1,074,454.34
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Temporary Loans			220,000.00	$220,000.00
Bond Proceeds		1,185,000.00		$1,185,000.00
Total Revenue	0.00	1,185,000.00	1,294,454.34	$2,479,454.34
Expenditures:				
Construction		$30,917.10	$1,114,345.19	$1,145,262.29
Equipment		$384,750.00		$384,750.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Temporary Loans			$150,000.00	$150,000.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$415,667.10	$1,264,345.19	$1,680,012.29
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	$769,332.90	$30,109.15	$799,442.05
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In				$0.00
Operation Transfers Out				$0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	$769,332.90	$30,109.15	$799,442.05
Fund Balance 7-1-07	$10,520.66	$0.00	$92,319.50	$102,840.16
Fund Balance 6-30-08	$10,520.66	$769,332.90	$122,428.65	$902,282.21

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	955,866.00	914,211.78	(41,654.22)
Sewer Assessments	211,076.00	307,797.06	96,721.06
Sewer Connections	31,250.00	29,286.36	(1,963.64)
Interest	0.00	5,130.53	5,130.53
Dumping Fees	0.00	55.00	55.00
Total Revenue	1,198,192.00	1,256,480.73	58,288.73
Expenditures:			
Environmental	656,734.00	648,031.97	8,702.03
Debt & Interest	756,243.00	755,982.27	260.73
Prior Year Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	1,412,977.00	1,404,014.24	8,962.76
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(147,533.51)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	79,378.00	79,378.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	79,378.00	79,378.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(68,155.51)	
Fund Balance 7/1/07		278,013.89	
Fund Balance 6/30/08		209,858.38	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2008

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	248,811.00	283,325.75	34,514.75
Sale of Recycling	0.00	6,824.46	6,824.46
Total Revenue	248,811.00	290,150.21	41,339.21
Expenditures:			
Environmental	336,175.00	299,236.37	36,938.63
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	336,175.00	299,236.37	36,938.63
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(9,086.16)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(9,086.16)	
Fund Balance 7/1/07		114,411.29	
Fund Balance 6/30/08		105,325.13	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Balance 7/1/2007	Additions	Balance 6/30/2008
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	127,987.14	3,300.00	131,287.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	750,881.43	3,300.00	754,181.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2008

	Balance 7/1/2007	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2008
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$176,318.42		$27,752.95	$15,316.48			$188,754.89	$188,754.89
Whiting Street	$43,925.28		$1,769.59				$45,694.87	$45,694.87
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$4,377.53		$209.28				$4,586.81	$4,586.81
Calvin Bridgman High School	$12,923.88		$620.99				$13,544.87	$13,544.87
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$1,371.61		$176.27				$1,547.88	$1,547.88
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$3,185.59		$173.43				$3,359.02	$3,359.02
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$27,950.28	$44,574.77	$1,003.37	$5,000.00			$68,528.42	$68,528.42
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$10,561.43		$6,816.04				$17,377.47	$17,377.47
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,251.87		$47.64				$1,299.51	$1,299.51
Nellie E. Brown	$2,881.22		$125.53	$214.53			$2,792.22	$2,792.22
Willard Stebbins	$1,898.55		$111.54				$2,010.09	$2,010.09
Vianna E. Somes	$2,301.33		$85.38				$2,386.71	$2,386.71
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00	$890.86	$0.00	$890.86			$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$17,595.21		$1,237.20				$18,832.41	$18,832.41
Retirement Trust	$6,082.25		$3,481.45				$9,563.70	$9,563.70
Conservation Fund	$765.20		$25.11				$790.31	$790.31
Stabilization Fund	$929,638.70	$200,000.00	$42,816.55		($123,000.00)		$1,049,455.25	$1,049,455.25
Workers' Compensation Fund	$102,166.28		$4,010.05				$106,176.33	$106,176.33
	$1,345,194.63	$245,465.63	$90,462.37	$21,421.87	($123,000.00)	$0.00	$1,536,700.76	$1,536,700.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2008

	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	3,264,926.97	1,918,007.70	5,182,934.67
2010	3,307,102.88	1,772,766.71	5,079,869.59
2011	3,340,970.72	1,639,724.67	4,980,695.39
2012	3,377,151.06	1,479,665.60	4,856,816.66
2013	3,180,406.26	1,593,003.12	4,773,409.38
2014	3,472,630.31	1,220,463.23	4,693,093.54
2015	3,504,776.35	1,053,699.80	4,558,476.15
2016	2,876,451.90	885,592.87	3,762,044.77
2017	2,898,527.17	753,212.63	3,651,739.80
2018	2,930,768.71	597,570.00	3,528,338.71
2019	2,946,211.98	465,633.63	3,411,845.61
2020	2,355,821.52	342,024.05	2,697,845.57
2021	2,132,613.70	236,081.55	2,368,695.25
2022	2,135,349.56	137,595.66	2,272,945.22
2023	512,134.83	37,574.13	549,708.96
2024	518,957.10	15,106.79	534,063.89
2025	139,408.00	11,180.42	150,588.42
2026	129,376.00	7,427.58	136,803.58
2026	126,384.00	4,144.98	130,528.98
2026	103,432.00	1,034.32	104,466.32
	43,253,401.02	14,171,509.44	57,424,910.46

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2008

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2007	Reduced FY2008	Outstanding 6/30/2008	Due In FY2009
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	216,000.00	31,000.00	185,000.00	35,000.00
		*reissued in '08				
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	4,390,000.00	470,000.00	3,920,000.00	480,000.00
		*reissued in '08				
High School	2002	4.50	24,250,000.00	1,620,000.00	22,630,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	605,000.00	55,000.00	550,000.00	50,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	785,000.00	75,000.00	710,000.00	65,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	5,582,800.00	417,300.00	5,165,500.00	427,800.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	361,805.00	23,329.00	338,476.00	23,931.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	430,682.00	27,838.00	402,844.00	28,555.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	911,340.00	58,931.00	852,409.00	60,434.00
USDA Pine Valley	2003	4.50	7,252.43	7,252.43	0.00	0.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,656,115.00	78,124.00	1,577,991.00	78,285.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	3,469,908.97	163,529.45	3,306,379.52	163,867.80
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	380,000.00	30,000.00	350,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	*2008	2.00	1,719,514.00	0.00	1,719,514.00	68,179.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	54,162.67	3,875.17	50,287.50	3,875.17
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	60,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	*2008		386,000.00	31,000.00	355,000.00	30,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	*2008		1,185,000.00	95,000.00	1,090,000.00	90,000.00
			46,450,580.07	3,197,179.05	43,253,401.02	3,264,926.97

*Elementary School reduction includes adjustment for refunding
*2008 Issuances took place after July 1, but initial debt amt is reported in Outstanding 7/1/07 column.

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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2007	$ 7,784,308.67	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 54,394,992.28
RECEIPTS	$ 55,744,120.77	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2008	$ 9,133,437.16
	$ 63,528,429.44		$ 63,528,429.44

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 212,093.64

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 6/30/2007	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2008
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 18,923.88		$ 620.99		$ 19,544.87
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 6,377.53		$ 209.28		$ 6,586.81
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,451.87		$ 47.64		$ 1,499.51
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 3,398.55		$ 111.54		$ 3,510.09
VIANNA SOMES	$ 2,601.33		$ 85.38		$ 2,686.71
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,881.22		$ 125.53	$ (214.53)	$ 3,792.22
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 142,122.68	$ 3,540.00	$ 6,816.04	$ (3,814.11)	$ 148,664.61
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 689,179.11		$ 27,752.95	$ (14,626.48)	$ 702,305.58
WHITING STREET	$ 53,925.28		$ 1,769.59		$ 55,694.87
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 5,285.59		$ 173.43		$ 5,459.02
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 5,371.61		$ 176.27		$ 5,547.88
CONSERVATION	$ 765.20		$ 25.11		$ 790.31
SENIOR CENTER	$ 27,950.28	$ 44,574.77	$ 1,003.37	$ (5,000.00)	$ 68,528.42
PENSION RESERVE	$ 27,595.21		$ 1,237.20		$ 28,832.41
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 929,638.70	$ 200,000.00	$ 42,816.55	$ (123,000.00)	$ 1,049,455.25
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 102,166.28		$ 4,010.05		$ 106,176.33
TOTALS	$ 2,020,634.32	$ 248,114.77	$ 86,980.92	$ (146,655.12)	$ 2,209,074.89

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FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#974 SEWER CONSTR.-JACKSON STREET	BANK WESTERN MASS	5/30/2008	$ 150,000.00	5/29/2009	2.28%
#975 LAND PURCHASE- TOPPING FARM	BANK WESTERN MASS	5/30/2008	$ 300,000.00	7/29/2008	2.28%
#976 SEWER CONSTR - JACKSON STREET	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS	6/27/2008	$ 70,000.00	5/29/2009	2.70%
GENERAL OBLIGATION MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BOND ISSUE $5,711,000 AS FOLLOWS:	SWIFT RIVER BOND REFUNDING	8/15/2007	$ 3,920,000.00	2/15/2015	4.09%
	DAIGLE WELL BOND REFUNDING	8/15/2007	$ 220,000.00	2/15/2014	4.09%
	CHCS ROOF REPAIR	8/15/2007	$ 800,000.00	2/15/2027	4.09%
	FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE	8/15/2007	$ 385,000.00	2/15/2022	4.09%
	LAND PURCHASE- TOPPING,	8/15/2007	$ 68,000.00	2/15/2024	4.09%
	LAND PURCHASE - EVERETT AVE	8/15/2007	$ 210,000.00	2/15/2026	4.09%
	LAND PURCHASE- SOUTH CEM.	8/15/2007	$ 108,000.00	2/15/2025	4.09%

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PRIOR YEARS REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 12,947.74
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 557.25
ABATED	$ 546.65	
COLLECTED	$ 10.60	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 12,947.74	
	$ 13,504.99	$ 13,504.99

FISCAL 2005 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 2,579.43
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 163.19
ABATED	$ 162.11	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 2,132.72	
COLLECTED	$ 447.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 2,742.62	$ 2,742.62

FISCAL 2006 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 33,394.33
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 192.49
ABATED	$ 191.47	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 7,959.51	
COLLECTED	$ 24,394.82	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 1,041.02	
	$ 33,586.82	$ 33,586.82

FISCAL 2007 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 410,614.42
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 137.59
REFUNDED		$ 291.55
ABATED	$ 227.54	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 32,060.01	
COLLECTED	$ 359,239.12	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 19,516.89	
	$ 411,043.56	$ 411,043.56

REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2007

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 18,519.31
COLLECTED	$ 18,519.31	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 18,519.31	$ 18,519.31

FISCAL 2008 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 8,862,398.52
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 9,525,260.36
REFUNDED		$ 20,906.61
ABATED	$ 77,068.21	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 78,089.89	
COLLECTED	$ 17,880,957.94	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 372,449.45	
	$ 18,408,565.49	$ 18,408,565.49

REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2008

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 62,927.82
COLLECTED	$ 29,347.08	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 33,580.74	
	$ 62,927.82	$ 62,927.82

FISCAL 2009 REAL ESTATE

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 9,348,295.68
COLLECTED	$ 34,311.81	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 9,313,983.87	
	$ 9,348,295.68	$ 9,348,295.68

CPA 2006

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 103.14
TO TAX TITLE	$ 23.63	
COLLECTED	$ 79.51	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 103.14	$ 103.14

CPA 2007

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 2,958.86
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 242.93
REFUNDED		$ 245.48
TO TAX TITLE	$ 131.82	
ABATED	$ 15.37	
COLLECTED	$ 3,193.23	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 106.85	
	$ 3,447.27	$ 3,447.27

CPA 2008

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 81,965.50
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 89,822.24
REFUND		$ 20.00
TO TAX TITLE	$ 474.08	
ABATED	$ 1,325.96	
COLLECTED	$ 167,313.78	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 2,693.92	
	$ 171,807.74	$ 171,807.74

CPA 2009

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 87,852.55
COLLECTED	$ 694.70	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 87,157.85	
	$ 87,852.55	$ 87,852.55

PRIOR YEARS PERS. PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 3,579.76
ABATED	$ 982.81	
COLLECTED	$ 82.08	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 2,514.87	
	$ 3,579.76	$ 3,579.76

FISCAL 2005 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 437.72
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 437.72	
	$ 437.72	$ 437.72

FISCAL 2006 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 370.85
COLLECTED	$ 33.72	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 337.13	
	$ 370.85	$ 370.85

FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 1,427.66
COLLECTED	$ 993.28	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 434.38	
	$ 1,427.66	$ 1,427.66

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FISCAL 2008 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 120,230.09
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 137,133.76
REFUNDED		$ 2,624.45
ABATED	$ 27.15	
COLLECTED	$ 254,604.89	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 5,356.26	
	$ 259,988.30	$ 259,988.30

FISCAL 2009 PERS PROP		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 169,924.53
COLLECTED	$ 12.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 169,912.09	
	$ 169,924.53	$ 169,924.53

1992-2008 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 1,646.78
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 3,170.40
COLLECTED	$ 1,061.90	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 3,755.28	
	$ 4,817.18	$ 4,817.18

2006 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 659.05
COLLECTED	$ 659.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 659.05	$ 659.05

2007 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 2,057.02
COLLECTED	$ 2,057.02	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 2,057.02	$ 2,057.02

2008 SEWER LIENS		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 34,872.52
COLLECTED	$ 27,697.26	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 7,175.26	
	$ 34,872.52	$ 34,872.52

2007 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 234,013.02
TO TAX LIEN	$ 31,788.02	
COLLECTED	$ 202,225.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 234,013.02	$ 234,013.02

2008 SEWER CHARGES		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 956,208.99
REFUNDED		$ 150.75
COLLECTED	$ 681,724.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 274,635.54	
	$ 956,359.74	$ 956,359.74

PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 27,340.81
ABATED	$ 6,160.46	
COLLECTED	$ 4,452.93	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 16,727.42	
	$ 27,340.81	$ 27,340.81

2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 15,031.11
COMMITTED		$ 5,094.08
REFUNDED		$ 304.07
ABATED	$ 759.28	
COLLECTED	$ 11,186.87	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 8,483.11	
	$ 20,429.26	$ 20,429.26

2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 35,502.30
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 35,977.90
REFUNDED		$ 762.64
ABATED	$ 11,334.86	
COLLECTED	$ 47,183.11	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 13,724.87	
	$ 72,242.84	$ 72,242.84

2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 184,769.24
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 245,307.30
REFUNDED		$ 9,832.20
ABATED	$ 27,515.19	
COLLECTED	$ 379,383.95	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 33,009.60	
	$ 439,908.74	$ 439,908.74

2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,415,303.78
REFUNDED		$ 8,189.70
ABATED	$ 51,389.34	
COLLECTED	$ 1,169,583.65	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 202,520.49	
	$ 1,423,493.48	$ 1,423,493.48

2007 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 121.83
TO TAX TITLE	$ 38.12	
COLLECTED	$ 83.71	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 121.83	$ 121.83

2008 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 10,143.84
TO TAX TITLE	$ 36.81	
COLLECTED	$ 9,897.03	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 210.00	
	$ 10,143.84	$ 10,143.84

2008 TITLE V BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 4,973.07
COLLECTED	$ 4,973.07	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 4,973.07	$ 4,973.07

2005 TRILAKES BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 3,164.07
TO TAX TITLE	$ 424.52	
COLLECTED	$ 2,739.55	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 3,164.07	$ 3,164.07

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2006 TRILAKES BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 1,272.87
TO TAX TITLE	$ 1,272.87	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 1,272.87	$ 1,272.87

2007 TRILAKES BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 8,567.26
TO TAX TITLE	$ 1,433.36	
COLLECTED	$ 7,133.03	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 0.87	
	$ 8,567.26	$ 8,567.26

2008 TRILAKES BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 217,225.84
REFUNDED		$ 356.69
TO TAX TITLE	$ 2,140.17	
COLLECTED	$ 208,772.34	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 6,670.02	
	$ 217,582.53	$ 217,582.53

TRILAKES ADV INTEREST		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 41.04
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 323.79
COLLECTED	$ 364.83	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ -	
	$ 364.83	$ 364.83

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 3,400,840.47
APPORTIONED FY08 RE	$200,556.25	
COLLECTED	$88,105.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$3,112,179.22	
	$3,400,840.47	$ 3,400,840.47

MISCELLANEOUS REC.		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007		$ 81,662.80
COMMITTED		$ 23,894.30
ABATED	$834.68	
COLLECTED	$ 53,421.69	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	$ 51,300.73	
	$105,557.10	$ 105,557.10

COMSTAR AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2007		$ 308,563.88
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 657,028.31
REFUNDED		$ 144.65
ABATED	$ 417,909.48	
COLLECTED	$ 388,667.01	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2008	$ 159,160.35	
	$ 965,736.84	$ 965,736.84

JULY 1, 2007- JUNE 30,2008		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$ 21,810,281.03
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 388,667.01
	TOTAL	$ 22,198,948.04
TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$ 21,508,603.48
INTEREST/FEES		$ 128,935.14
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 669.73
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		$ 172,072.68
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 388,667.01
	TOTAL	$ 22,198,948.04

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TOWN CLERK
2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	185.00	265.00	393.00	345.00	274.00	240.00	565.00	536.00	355.00	440.00	496.00	184.00	4278.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	45.00	75.00	45.00	60.00	195.00	120.00	280.00	180.00	140.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	1260.00
BOARD OF APPEALS		100.00	100.00		100.00			100.00		200.00	200.00		800.00
BURIAL PERMIT		30.00	30.00	45.00			60.00	45.00		45.00	45.00		300.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	135.00	135.00	105.00	300.00	155.00	115.00	140.00	200.00	160.00	155.00	180.00	100.00	1880.00
DOG FINES	15.00	30.00	405.00	799.00	2574.00	1390.00	740.00	165.00	15.00	210.00	760.00	120.00	7223.00
DOG OFFICER FEES	50.00		40.00	100.00		150.00	305.00	301.25	535.00	210.00	495.00	145.00	2331.25
DOG LICENSE	5170.00	6182.00	4346.00	3553.00	1284.00	562.00	379.00	228.00	87.00	93.00	1069.00	1840.00	24793.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION			10.00	15.00				2.50				25.00	52.50
HISTORICAL APPLICATION			25.00		25.00								50.00
HOMESTEAD FILING													0.00
PARKING CITATION									50.00				50.00
PASSPORT	1320.00	550.00	350.00	525.00	225.00	150.00	500.00	550.00	225.00	175.00	250.00	550.00	5370.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	245.00		265.00	55.00	245.00	220.00	35.00	90.00		80.00		80.00	1315.00
POLE ORDER		20.00	20.00		20.00	20.00		20.00	60.00		20.00	20.00	200.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	10.00	10.00		10.00		15.00		45.00	120.00	15.00	15.00		240.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK			10.00	30.00			45.00	60.00	20.00	60.00			225.00
UCC													0.00
SPORTING LIC SALES**	1087.75	371.25	305.50	989.00	519.50	200.25	355.00	350.50	129.25	153.75	132.00	1619.00	6212.75
SPORTING ADM FEES	46.10	15.60	13.70	51.80	28.70	10.60	15.20	20.30	6.30	5.15	5.70	64.20	283.35
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	15.00	15.00	15.00	50.00									95.00
MSC SALES		1.00	17.40	9.00	10.40	18.00	6.60	56.55	105.00	2.50	26.00	67.00	319.45
TOTALS	8323.85	7799.85	6495.60	6936.80	5655.60	3210.85	3425.80	2950.10	2007.55	1884.40	3733.70	4854.20	57278.30
**** PAYMENTS TO:**													
Div. of Fisheries&Wildlife	1087.75	371.25	305.50	989.00	519.50	200.25	355.00	350.50	129.25	153.75	132.00	1619.00	6212.75
Town of Belchertown	7236.10	7428.60	6190.10	5947.80	5136.10	3010.60	3070.80	2599.60	1878.30	1730.65	3601.70	3235.20	51065.55
TOTAL	8323.85	7799.85	6495.60	6936.80	5655.60	3210.85	3425.80	2950.10	2007.55	1884.40	3733.70	4854.20	57278.30

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2007 Vital Statistics received after last year's annual report:

Births: Place	Male	Female
Springfield	4	7
Southbridge	1	

2008 VITAL STATISTICS

Births: Place	Male	Female
Belchertown	1	2
Gardner	-	1
Greenfield	-	2
Holyoke	6	4
Northampton	25	20
Springfield	33	46
Ware	4	1
	69	76

Marriages:	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	50	50
Non-Resident	17	19

Married in Belchertown: 30 Married Out-of-Town: 38

Deaths:	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	33	35
Non-Resident	2	1

Place of Death:

Agawam	1	Palmer	4
Amherst	4	South Hadley	5
Belchertown	21	Springfield	14
Hadley	2	Ware	7
Hampden	1	Wilbraham	3
Holyoke	3	West Brookfield	1
Northampton	3	Worcester	2

ADA Committee

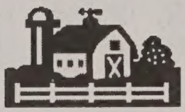
The American With Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2008 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Max Bock, Maintenance Department; Michael Krzystofik, School Department; Sally Dodge and Ruthella Tucker were town-appointed representatives.

The Committee meets quarterly throughout the year or as necessary.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

Agricultural Commission



The year 2008 was a busy one for the Agricultural Commission. It began with the second annual Farmer's meeting in January where farmers got to socialize and discuss ideas. Out of this meeting came the suggestion for a Food Processing workshop with the Board of Health. We invited Judy Metcalf to make a presentation at the Masonic Building. It was very informative to the attendees who had interests from making pasta and dog biscuits to preparing fresh vegetables. We learned the requirements for processing food and what can be done in a home kitchen verses a certified kitchen.

Recognizing that there are many horse owners in Town, we sponsored a talk on "Winter Horse Care" by local veterinarian Dr. Clifford Morcum. Horse owners, breeders and trainers help support our local agriculture by buying local hay. They also recognize the value of open space. From this gathering, many people were eager to continue meeting and ultimately decided to become a chapter of the Granby Regional Horse Council. The Belchertown horse community is very diverse. They look forward to making new friends and sharing their expertise.

In March we officially welcomed Dan Beaudette as an Associate Member to the Commission. Dan had been instrumental in our previous year's work of reviewing the Town's agricultural bylaws. Our bylaw proposals were accepted at the annual Town meeting in May 2008. These included adopting the State definition of Agriculture, adding an animal fencing bylaw and allowing various forms of agritourism in our Town.

This summer we again hosted the Antique Tractor Show on the Common and updated the Farm Guide and Farm Stand map. We are proud of the way that these events helped to educate people, bring them together and protect agriculture in Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Jon Clements
Judith Gillan
Hope Guardinier
Dan Beaudette, Associate Member
Susan Gay, Associate Member
Alan Page, Associate Member
Richard Reidy, Associate Member

Animal Control

Since being upgraded to an Animal Control Department we have come under the umbrella of the Belchertown Police Department. We have taken steps at the pound to ensure the safety and well being of the animals in our care there by reinforcing the outside areas to prevent theft and installed sensor lighting on the backside. We are also in the process of locating video monitoring equipment; this will ensure that the abused animals in our care cannot be taken by their abusers. We are also in the process of acquiring much needed equipment to perform our jobs i.e. a catch pole, nets, humane dog traps and other equipment used to perform our jobs in a manner that is safe for both the Animal Control Officers and the animals we are attempting to keep out of harms way. With the assistance of the Town Clerk's office we have been able to ensure that the pets in our town are protected by vaccination, which in turn protects the human population of our community.

Including the fees associated with dog licensing there was a total of $34347.25 generated from dog and cat related items for 2008. We have a total of 2759 dogs licensed in 2008 with 14 outstanding licensing issues resulting in court actions.

Animal Control has received reports pertaining mostly to dogs running at large and barking dog complaints. Please be reminded that the Town requires that all dog owners keep their dogs under control at all times for the purpose of protecting people and animals from injury, protecting property from damage and preventing dog-related nuisances. As a reminder "running at large" is to go beyond the boundaries of the owner's property unless the dog is in sight and under voice command and does not trespass on residential property. Dogs in the act of training, working, hunting or guarding are the exception. Also, please be aware of the nuisance that a dog's bark can be to a neighbor when the barking is continuous. We ask that barking dogs be brought inside soon after they begin to bark.

We have changed the staffing of the Animal Control Department. We still have an Animal Control Officer and two assistants but the pound keeper position has been combined with the assistants' jobs. This has given us the ability to spend more time with the animals in our care and the ability to get to know the animals and their temperaments better. With the three of us there on a regular, consistent basis we have really been able to get to know the animals and their personalities and been able to place them with the best possible homes.

We have been very fortunate that with the support of our community we have been able to adopt out almost all of the dogs in our care. With the cooperation of breed specific rescues we have been able to place the remainder of the dogs in our care into foster homes. We have only had to euthanize one dog in our care because of age and infirmities.

The same can be said of the cats that have come into our care. We have been able to find homes or rescues that could take them in and have only had 2 cats that had to be euthanized because of the severity of their injuries.

The community has also helped tremendously with their donations of blankets, towels and bedding that have made the animals' in the pound lives a little more comfortable. We are also thankful for the donations that have gone into the Animal Control Gift Fund. These have made it easier to pay for unexpected items that have arisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton
Animal Control Officer
Telephone: 413-323-6880

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2008 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

At the Town Election in May 2008, Thomas Barry was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Mr. Barry had previously been elected to fill a one-year vacancy. William Huber and Sam Joyal remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budget outlooks remain bleak, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing the FY08 budget included:

Total Taxable Value:	1,390,001,470
Town Meeting Appropriations:	$41,680,599
Estimated Receipts/Revenue sources:	$22,998,979
Tax Levy:	$18,681,619
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions:	$18,692,681
FY08 New Growth:	$539,984
FY08 Tax Rate:	$13.44

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon timely filed chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational and forestry uses.

The Assessors recommended that the Board of Selectmen increase the minimum personal property valuation amount from 1,500 to 3,000. A warrant article was passed at the Town Meeting and beginning in FY2009 all accounts less than 3,000 would now be exempt.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment of all real estate for fiscal 2008. With market conditions in Belchertown remaining stable, the single-family class increased only 1%. The multi-family and condominium market increased between 5-8% respectfully. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being assessed fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

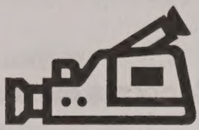
The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

William Huber, Chairman
Samuel Joyal, Vice Chairman
Thomas Barry, Clerk

Belchertown Community Television



The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 19, and 20 (dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

This year we were able to "go digital." The Selectmen's Meeting Room in LMH was given a new TV control console and two remotely controlled TV cameras. The station was upgraded to a Leightronix Nexus control system. The Nexus includes two 500GB hard drives for storing shows in MPEG2 format. All shows broadcast from BCTV are now broadcast digitally. Finally, BCTV purchased new cameras and shotgun microphones for all the churches in town and for our volunteers. These Canon SD card cameras record in HD format.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run entirely by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:
- Selectmen
- Planning Board
- School Committee
- EDIC
- Board of Health
- The Annual Town Meeting
- Special Town Meetings
- (Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Conservation Commission and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:
- BHS Home Football games
- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
- (Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Wrestling Matches, Volleyball, Chess...)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- …About Belchertown
- The BlueRibbon Cooks
- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade
- Town Talk

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- Tour of the Historic District, Part 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Belchertown Sting Rays Swim Team
- (Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- Grace Community
- Belchertown United Church of Christ
- Amherst Hope United Methodist

Accomplishments and Goals: Last year's goals were to increase our pool of volunteers and train them to operate independently. BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use, such as audio mixing.

This year at the 151st Belchertown Fair we gave cameras to our volunteers and said – go tape whatever interests you. The experiment worked and we hope to repeat it next year.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Ben DeTour and his sister Cara, students at BHS, who have been taping events at their schools and editing them for viewing over BCTV. Their viewpoint of events and editing has made for some exciting TV in Belchertown.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who inputs all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden you with user information have greatly improved the overall look of our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has continued to be an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Mindy, and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers: BCTV runs on volunteer power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Rev. Bruce Arbour
Roxanne Austin
Pat Barry
Pat Bonnett
Mary Ann Brennen
Louise Christ
Ben DeTour
Cara DeTour
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
Audrey LePage
Shawn Lindholm
Norm Loftus
Shannon Materka
Ron Pobieglo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Managers

Clapp Memorial Library (CML)

The CML MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION came to $362,811.00, which represents 0.91% of the total FY2008 Belchertown Municipal Budget ($3,796,002.00). This compares to a statewide average of 1.26%.

On a per-capita basis, it cost $25.73 to support the programs and services of the CML. The average Belchertown household (*2.61 members) paid $67.16 ($5.60 per month) to support the CML in FY2008. *Profiles of Massachusetts, 2006 ed.

Of the 14,103 persons calling Belchertown their home 8,741 (62%) are REGISTERED CML SMARTEST CARD (CMLSC) holders. Of that number 2,518 were children in grades K through 6. These figures do not include the substantial numbers of pre-school children who do not yet have their own CMLSC.

Those CMLSC holders accounted for 84,240 LIBRARY VISITS, (1,620 per week) for a per-capita average of 6.0.

The CML HOURS OF OPERATION enabled us to serve the Belchertown community for 46 hours each week, including 11 evening hours and 4 Saturday hours. The CML was available to serve Belchertown's school children for 25 hours each week after the close of Belchertown School Libraries.

TOTAL CIRCULATION of books, DVDs, audio CDs, etc. reached 123,057 for a per-capita borrowing average of 8.7 items. For those who could not visit the CML themselves, CML staff made weekly deliveries to their homes.

The *average cost of adult hardcover book was $26.43, while the average for a children's hardcover book was $21.19. If you were to purchase those 8.7 books for yourself or your child it would have cost you $230.00 or $185.00 respectively. *School Library Journal, March 1, 2008.

The CML COLLECTION of books, DVDs, audio CDs, etc. is quite small with but 28,732 items. Of the 366 Massachusetts public libraries 359 have collections larger than that of the CML. Of the 54 Group D libraries serving populations of between 10,000 and 14,999 the CML collection is the smallest in that group. There is simply no room in the CML to grow the collection. Consequently, the

CML spent only $4.22 per capital for books, DVDs, etc. while the statewide average was $7.06.

Despite its lack of volume(s), however, the CML collection is a locally responsive and quite popular collection. On average, each of those 28,732 items was borrowed 4.3 times in FY2008.

The CML is a full member of the CENTRAL/WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS AUTOMATED RESOURCE SHARING LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (C/W MARS). CMLSC holders can select from over six million items held by the 140+ participating C/W MARS libraries. Your CMLSC also gives you full access to the programs and services of any C/W MARS library.

CMLSC holders borrowed a record 16,842 INTER-LIBRARY LOAN items from other C/W MARS libraries.

Through the CML INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES NETWORK (ITN) CMLSC holders have free, 24/7 access to a multitude of current online research resources including web sites covering business, education, the arts, government health and medicine, science and technology, literature, and thousands more. While in the Library patrons used the ITN 5,647 times, averaging 109 each week. The CML web page (www.clapplibrary.org) was visited more than 47,000 times.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS (YA) are among our most important and enjoyable CML responsibilities. The resources available at the CML are extremely valuable to all of Belchertown's students. For decades the CML has served as the school library for the students in Cold Spring School. We continued that tradition with the CML ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY VISIT PROGRAM serving 3,215 kindergarteners during their 138 class visits to the CML.

The FY2008 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING schedule was as full and popular as ever-welcoming 6,318 participants in 252 programs. In addition more than 500 young readers participated in the summer reading program entitled "Catch the Beat @ Your Library."

The CML Mother Goose on the Loose program was awarded the State-wide Exemplary Award given to superior public library programs by Shelley Quezada, from the MBLC.

In FY2008 630 library patrons attended 40 GENERAL ADULT PROGRAMS.

CML PERSONNEL remained unchanged with 4 full-time staff (Director, 3 Department Heads) with a combined 63 years of service to the Belchertown community, 2 part-time Library technicians, 2 part-time pages and 1 part-time custodial.

CML VOLUNTEERS gave the Library nearly 600 hours last year saving the Belchertown taxpayer approximately $7,500.00.

At the close of FY2008 the CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT CML remained on the waiting list for a $3.3 million dollar Public Library Construction Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Library and its many project volunteers continued to work diligently on all aspects of this important project.

On June 20, 2008 the Library experienced a CEILING FAILURE. Subsequently, the Main Patron Service Floor of the CML was closed for repairs, and would not re-open in FY2008. Nonetheless, the Library remained open, operating out of the Children's Activity Room on the lower level, providing a much restricted array of o=programs and services

On behalf of all those who have had the pleasure of serving you at the CML last year please accept my sincere appreciation for your continued kindness and support. Please visit us often--you will be most pleasantly surprised with all that the Clapp Memorial Library has to offer.

Respectfully,

Owen Maloney
Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

This was a fruitful third year for the Community Preservation Committee.

Town voters approved participation in the state Community Preservation Act (CPA) in May 2005. Each year 30% of the funds must be allocated—10% to each of the three categories of Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories plus Recreation.

Under the CPA, the state matches funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge that averages around $30 per household for the year. Primarily because of declining revenues, the state did not provide a 100% match for the first time. Since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown usually multiply our own contributions. All funds must be approved by Town Meeting.

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting approved projects expected to cost $680,285. Because these funds are highly leveraged, this only required an appropriation of $343,398, only half of which came from Belchertown's CPA surcharge. In effect, our tax dollars were multiplied four times. Less than $172,000 in local taxes produced over $680,000 in projects.

Projects funded by Town Meeting included: the remaining acreage of Topping Farm Conservation Area; the Cold Spring School Playground; Belchertown High School Athletic Fields irrigation; Constantino Athletic Field; Clapp Library stained glass window; Stone House Museum window shutters; new fences to protect veterans graves; the Belchertown Land Trust Swift River site cleanup, and support for the Tri-Lakes Association water quality analysis.

As discussed at Town Meeting, the committee also contracted with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for a Housing Needs Assessment.

The Community Preservation Committee is committed to open processes that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

Ken Elstein, Chairman
Edwina Cruise, Vice Chair
Betsy Loughran, Secretary
Cliff McCarthy
Jim Gambaro
Megan Manitsas
Leslie Squires

Computing Department

This has been an exciting and eventful year for the computing department.

In order to address growing power concerns we have implemented some new blade servers. These in addition to consuming less power allow us to leverage virtualization for server consolidation.

We have implemented a new mass-calling system ConnectCTY. This system allows us to reach the all of the citizens of Belchertown via telephone, text, or e-mail in roughly 5 minutes in the case of a notification or emergency.

We have been able to refresh our network backbone with new equipment via a grant. This has allowed us to position ourselves to be ready for increased demands on the network, and to think about what can be done in the future to improve efficiency and save money.

In the Belchertown School District we have implemented a new thin-client architecture in some of our schools. By utilizing open-source software we are able to realize a significant savings in software costs. This new system will also allow us to save on hardware costs and to accept donation computers to additionally offset these costs.

We also implemented a new student information system that brings all of the district under one database and allows parents of high school students to access their children's grades, attendance, and assignments on-line via a web portal.

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Hannon
Director of Computing

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 54 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 18 of these were Requests for Determination, 29 were Notices of Intent, six were for permit extensions, and one Public Hearing for input regarding the New Open Space & Recreation Plan 2008-2012. The Commission issued three Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including subdivisions currently under construction. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission also developed a Jabish Brook Conservation Area Brochure in order to educate residents, other community residents and organizations about this 63-acre conservation area. This small leaflet type brochure was designed to provide detailed information regarding trails, rules and regulations, and what can be found on this site.

In 2008, the Commission has continued with the acquisition of land projects and closed on the final 57-acre parcel of land identified as the Topping Farm Property on June 4, 2008. Grant assistance from the Community Preservation Act consisting of $145,600.00 and a Self-Help Grant in the amount of $455,600.00 from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, (EOEEA), enabled the Conservation Commission to secure the remaining acreage of the Topping Farm Property, which has great value for aquifer protection, recreation and wildlife habitat. In addition, the Scarborough Brook Conservation Area Nature Walk and Fundraiser were held on June 8, 2008 to showcase the 65 acres, now open to the public to enjoy for passive recreation and were acquired for the protection of the Lawrence Swamp aquifer and the endangered species located on this property. The Town also accepted a land gift of 53 acres of property off Stebbins St., located at the end of the cul-de-sac in 2007, land formerly named Emily Lane, which the Conservation Commission has re-named as the “Old Apple Farm Conservation Area” in 2008.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation Commission began its mission of updating the Open Space & Recreation Plan from 2005. The Commission held a public hearing designed for town citizen input on June 9, 2008. After several months and intense research for this lengthy publication the Commission received final approval and acceptance from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the final Open Space and Recreation Plan 2008-2012 for the Town of Belchertown was completed on August 18, 2008. The Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a statement of the current priorities of Town boards, officials, and citizens for natural resource protection and recreation. The purpose of this plan was to revise the original 1986 OSRP plan - to update the 2008 OSRP and reassess the open space, recreation, and natural resource protection needs and priorities for the next five years (2008-2012), carrying Belchertown well into the 21st century. In addition, the Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Map has also been updated in 2008. Both of these publications may be purchased from the Conservation Commission Office, or the Town Clerk's Office.

The Conservation Commission additionally began reviewing all projects submitted for stormwater runoff relating to the Town of Belchertown's newly implemented Stormwater Management Regulations, effective as of January 2, 2008 and regulated by the Department of Public Works. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

In 2008, Conservation Administrator, LeeAnne Connolly received an award for the title of Conservation Administrator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2008-2009 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect even more valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Linda LeDuc, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
Larry Therrien, Commissioner
Richard Lanham, Assoc. Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Assoc. Commissioner

Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

Council on Aging / Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). An Executive Director manages day-to-day operations. A Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. The Senior Center provides services to seniors and their families in town. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach efforts and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance, prescription coverage/options, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program have added a heavy additional demand on this department. We are one of the few Centers in the state to have two staff members trained as SHINE insurance counselors. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we have also begun operating a non-food item distribution program. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. We have had several community collection drives, which help support this effort. This program helps our seniors to stretch their income.

Transportation continues to be a major issue for our seniors. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA is a pressing matter. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for services outstrip our ability to meet the need. During FY08, our handicapped accessible vans transported over 100 different seniors on over 5500 individual trips. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. This program provided 1600 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. Our companions don't just provide transportation, they go along with the senior on these errands. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of $3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over $20,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritiously balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY08 period, 400 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 9,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. Our Home Delivered Meal Program served an additional 20,000 meals this past year. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Due to increasing costs, we reluctantly switched to frozen weekend meals. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, osteo and flex and tone exercise classes, line dancing, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, scrap booking group, WII bowling and other virtual exercise classes, a senior band and sing-a-long. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association. Computer classes are offered daily and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area.

Wellness programming continues to expand. Programs include Healthy Hearts, Healthy Bodies, Osteo-exercise class, and diabetes support group. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. The Flex & Tone exercise program, Yoga class continues to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We offer massages, which are provided at a fee by trained professionals. The greater utilization of this adjoining space mandated that we construct a long planned connector between the two buildings for safety and convenience. We were able to do this by utilizing the incredible skills of our maintenance department and with financial support from fundraising, and donations from local businesses and private individuals. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. We would like to expand evening programming to better serve seniors who have daytime responsibilities, but staffing issues stand in the way of this goal.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizational, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. We have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers. This Christmas Season the parishioners of Saint Francis' church once again donated gifts to be distributed to our seniors. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

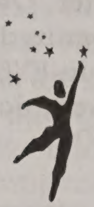
Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. TRIAD fundraising efforts helped us to purchase a defibrillator for use at the Senior Center.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY08. Over 14,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of $120,000.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Increasing property taxes, prescription drug costs, and the high costs of in home services leave many seniors in our community facing decisions to choose between heat, food, and medicine. We attempt to help them find resources to meet these needs, but too many times there is no answer to their problems or way to meet their needs. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority. If we are to serve our seniors and allow them to remain in the town they helped build, it should still be a priority.

The Belchertown Council on Aging Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Cultural Council



Belchertown Cultural Council members attended an advocacy day at the Statehouse in the spring, including training programs and meeting with Representatives to speak for funding of the arts. A survey town-wide in the spring of 2008 indicated what activities are preferred by members of the community, and provided a guide for funding local applications.

The Belchertown Cultural Council in 2008 received a group of twenty-four applications for funding which represented a range of cultural interests in Belchertown. The Council received $5200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to award as grants from the Local Cultural Council.

Using established guidelines, the council was able to award at least partial funding to almost two-thirds of this funding cycle's applicants, bringing their creativity and their ideas to town. Programs include theatre, music, photography, literature, science, travel and visual arts. Several town organizations, and all age groups, were approved for funding, including activities at the Senior Center, several school levels, and Clapp Memorial Library programs. There will be visual art activities at the Kindergartens at Cold Spring School and music programs at higher school levels. Organizers at the Senior Center will be including families in some of their planned programs.

The Council was pleased with the increase of interest among applicants, and with the variety of proposed programs. Also, the Council welcomed several new members this year.

Council members include:

Sharon Marean, Chairman
Daniel Green, Treasurer
Matt Grillo, Secretary
Carol Wagner
Jennifer Whitehead
Sharon Cady-Harrison
Ashley Butler

Dog Control By-law Review Committee

The seven-member Dog Control By-law Review Committee was convened in April 2007 with the charge to review the current animal control by-law and make recommendations for changes. The Committee was convened by the Board of Selectmen and Mike Reardon is its Board of Selectmen Liaison.

The Committee met twice each month in 2008 to develop its plans and fulfill its charge.

At its regular meetings, the Committee solicited information and advice from current and former dog control officers and statewide and national organizations such as the Massachusetts Federation of Responsible Dog Owners and Clubs. The Committee reviewed model by-laws from communities within the State and around the country to determine what are considered "state-of-the art" dog control policies. The Committee researched the efficacy and feasibility of changes in the current by-law and their potential impact on the town.

The Committee developed another working draft of a new by-law in January 2008. The draft underwent review by town legal counsel and the Board of Selectmen. The Committee held a public hearing in April 2008. The April public hearing on the draft by-law resulted in significant changes in the draft which were then sent to Town Counsel for review. Based on changes recommended by Town Counsel, the Committee agreed to propose to take no action at the May 2008 Town Meeting on the proposed by-law so that further work would continue. The Committee revised its meeting schedule in the summer of 2008, held a final public hearing in September 2008 and brought a final draft of the revised by-law to Town Counsel in December 2008. The Committee is on track to reach its goal of bringing a revised by-law for consideration at the May 2009 Town Meeting.

Submitted,

Gail Gramarossa, Chairperson
Dog Control By-law Review Committee

Committee Members:
Jeff Anliker
Sam Caragulian
Sally Dodge
Janet Lindsey
Jeff Rock

Department of Public Works

The best way to describe the Department of Public Works' efforts during 2008 is that it was a busy and difficult year as we worked tirelessly to meet the challenge of a wide variety of issues on behalf of the Town. Difficult because we continue to work with less than adequate resources while the demands and expectations placed upon us continue to expand. However, it was successful because we continued to meet these demands in a manner that is both appropriate and fiscally responsible. Celebrating 15 year since the Department was formed, we are proud of the fact that we can always report continued successes and accomplishments.

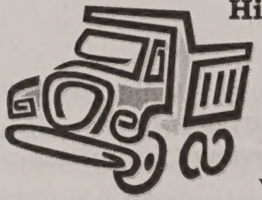
The planning and design efforts for the reconstruction of Route 181, and portions of Three Rivers Road (South Main Street, and North Washington Street) progressed slowly during 2008. The 25% design plans, which were complete for both projects in 2007, did not advance fully to the 75% phase, but we finished the year with renewed momentum on both projects, and we will continue to work with the Massachusetts Highway Department to meet our goal to advertise these projects in 2010, and 2011 respectively.

The Massachusetts Highway Department started the replacement of the South Street Bridge that spans the Jabish Brook. They also completed the resurfacing of Route 202, from the center of Town to Packardville Road in Pelham. Both projects will be complete with little or no expense to the Town

In accordance with the Town's 2002 Master Plan the Department worked cooperatively with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to evaluate the traffic patterns along the route 202 corridor. The final report recommends the Town begin planning for improvements at the Main Street/ Maple Street/Jabish Street intersection, and at a minimum, continue to monitor the remainder of the intersections between this location and the Route 202 and Route 21 intersection for future improvements. In response, the Department prepared and submitted a formal project request for the Main Street/Maple Street intersection to the Massachusetts

Highway Department for consideration, and will continue to work with the PVPC in regards to future traffic growth in the remainder of the corridor.

The Department also completed a variety of projects, which I will describe by division, below:



Highway Division: The Highway Division's activities during the beginning of the year consisted of treating the roads with de-icing agents and plowing snow. From January 1st through the end of February, a total of 14 storm events occurred in Belchertown, leaving behind a total of 34.5 inches of snow and ice. To our delight we did not record any accumulating precipitation during March and April, which allowed for an early start to our other activities. During the 2007/2008-snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways is $5,750, approximately 19% higher than during the 2006/2007 season.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that includes; repairing potholes, clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs, cleaning catch basins, sweeping, line painting, repairing equipment, and preparing roads for resurfacing.

This year, the division was responsible for the following resurfacing projects:

Bardwell Street	14,000 feet
Granby Road	1,875 feet
Gulf Road	4,500 feet
Ledgewood Drive	500 feet
Ludlow Street	4,050 feet
Mill Valley Road	650 feet
North Street	600 feet
Shaw Street	2,520 feet
Springfield Road	2,360 feet
Turkey Hill Road	1,060 feet

Our snow removal activities resumed with the onset of late fall. An additional 24.75 inches of snow and ice fell over nine storms that started November 26th and ran through December 31st. As of the date of this report, the average cost per inch of accumulating precipitation has not been calculated.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 186,700,000 gallons of wastewater this past year, significantly higher than what was received in 2007 (137,590,000 gallons). They also had 16 new connections during the year, seven of them were from within the new Tri-Lakes sewer system, and nine of them came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1,608 equivalent dwelling units.

In September of 2007, the Town awarded the Jackson Street sewer replacement contract, in the amount of $1,347,255.00 to F & J Incorporated of Ludlow, MA. By the end of 2008, this project was complete and substantially under budget. This has allowed us to focus our efforts on the next phase of this project, which is the replacement of the Howard Street sewer. In December, the Board of Selectmen awarded the construction contract for this work to Baltazar Contractors, Inc., for the bid amount of $454,257.29.

We also completed the third year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection network. 2008 activities included revisions to the sewer maps and visual inspections of the entire collection system. We also began planning for 2009 activities, which will include low flow observations, video inspections, and flow monitoring.

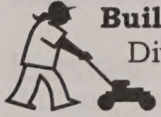
Transfer Station: The Town's Hamilton Street Transfer Station remained active throughout 2008. A total of 1805 households participated in our program and the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated:

- 142.2 tons of commingled containers
- 402.35 tons of paper and cardboard
- 1950 gallons of waste oil
- 354 tires
- 912.15 tons of solid waste
- 34 tons of electronics

I am pleased to report the Town received $24,342.36 in funds from the Department of Environmental Protection for the transfer of our recyclable materials to their Springfield facility.

I am also pleased to must report the Transfer Station fees did not increase this year. Our disposal and transportation costs associated with solid waste collected at the facility remained steady so the full year permit is still $90.00, with a $15 discount for senior citizens over 65. A bundle of ten large trash bags remained at $14.50 and a bundle of ten small trash bags still cost $11.00.

Cemetery Division: The Cemetery Division conducted a total of 33 burials, 13 of which were cremations. Other routine activities include lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair.



Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Division: The Buildings and Grounds Division was very busy during 2008, caring for 32 town buildings and approximately 200 acres of open space, cemeteries and athletic fields. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, listed below:

- Landscaping around the new Senor Center Connector, which runs between the Senior Center and the Freedom Center.
- Assisted with the re-opening of the Skate Park.
- Installed a new fresh air handler at the MIS office.
- Repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to reestablish the turf.
- Installed a new HVAC control system at the Town Hall.
- Assisted with the erection of the monument that memorializes Belchertown's men and women who have served in any of the Middle East conflicts.

Unfortunately, this list is noticeably shorter than years' past. Due to budget cuts, we had to delay hiring seasonal employees to perform grounds maintenance, and it was necessary for the crew to scramble to keep up with the seasonal demands.

Tree and Vegetation Control: In 2008 the Department supervised the removal of 73 trees consisting of the following varieties: 6 oak, 1 elm, 7 ash, 5 pine, 1 spruce, 2 hickory, 4 atlantis, and 47 maples. All of these trees were either diseased, damaged, or diseased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter.

The Department also conducted its annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed, and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

Concluding Statement: The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors who support us, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work.

Cheryl Bishop, Administrative Assistant
Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Supervisor
Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Foreman
Darin Braese, Highway Division Operator I
Ed Burton, Highway Division Operator I
Michelle Burns, Custodian
Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
Robert Cole, Jr. Laborer
Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
David Clegg, Maintenance Foreman
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor
Ed Dussault, Highway Division Operator I
Chris Elias, DPW Laborer
Edward Forgette, Highway Division Mechanic
Debra Giammarino, Custodian
John Grossman, Laborer
Steve Harris, Highway Division Operator II
Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II
Tom Hathaway, Laborer
Michael Jamgochian, DPW Laborer
Michael Laporte, WWTP Laborer
Denis Lessard, Highway Division Operator II
Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
Joe Michalak, Transfer Station Foreman
Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator I
Lenny Russell, Laborer
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams,
Director of Public Works

Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

On parcel B, the approved subdivision road off State Street has four (4) separate developments completed. The approved subdivision road off Jackson Street has not been scheduled to start construction as yet.

Following the expiry of the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Bridgeland Development, which would have served as Master Developer for a project covering all the remaining acreage on Parcel B, the BEDIC voted to continue to pursue an integrated development of the acreage, with or without a Master Developer. In that connection, discussions are ongoing with a Health and Wellness provider and an Assisted Living provider, two components of the previous project which would be capable of proceeding on a stand-alone basis.

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting approved Parcel B to be a designated a priority development site under Mass General Law 43D. The MGL 43D Agreement between the Town and the Commonwealth provides funding to improve the Town's geographic information system software, including a permit tracking feature; document wetlands; complete a site development assessment including infrastructure, study traffic and access; identify a preliminary list of permits needed; create up to two conceptual Master Plans and complete a market study to identify demand. Mass Development is assisting the Town in this 43D work. BEDIC is in discussions with Mass Development to establish a working relationship which will facilitate the draw down of the State approved $10,000,000.00 bond to be used to clean-up Parcel B.

BEDIC has a draft development plan for Parcel D that includes six (6) potential development sites and setting aside land in the rear that abuts Town land for a future Belchertown Elementary School and playing fields. In addition, Parcel D has one (1) completed development.

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Richard Barry, Clerk
Rich Kump, Treasurer
Loy Harris
Jonathan Spiegel

Associate Director:
Woody Sherman

Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan, and participates in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members persist with a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which requires our Town Plan to be filed with the Sate Agency, in addition to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is the Federal level of emergency management. All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.

Fortunately during 2008 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce.

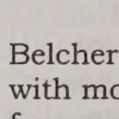
Belchertown continues to press forward with modern technology and training for many types of incidents including but not limited to natural or manmade disasters, weather related emergencies, and hazardous substances.

Your town officials are dedicated to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

Emergency Medical Services



The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services has had another busy year providing 24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown from our location at 9 East Walnut Street. The EMS Department presently consists of eight full-time Paramedics. The per diem staff consists of eight Paramedics, two Intermediates and two EMT- Basics. Two members now staff our station 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. We also began staffing our 2nd ambulance between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In August, April Fernandes was appointed as a full-time Paramedic.

The Belchertown EMS Department covers EMS calls not only in Belchertown, but also occasionally is called on a mutual aid basis to the neighboring towns.

In 2008, the two ambulances responded to over 1,300 calls. Approximately 75% of these calls were Advanced Life Support, requiring Paramedic care.

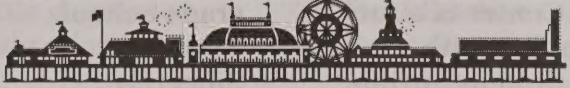
The EMS Department took delivery of a new ambulance this year and we purchased computerized ambulance report software, which has a laptop computer in each of the two ambulances. This enables us to generate computerized run reports and submit bills for the ambulance runs electronically.

We at Belchertown EMS continue to be committed to providing the best Pre-Hospital Paramedic Level care possible to the members of our community. I would like to thank all members of the EMS Department for their hard work and dedication throughout the year of 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
EMS Director

Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee



This past year Belchertown held its 151st Annual Fair. The theme of "There's Magic at the Fair" proved to be an interesting backdrop for the weekend, as many fair goers had the opportunity to interpret the theme in their own style. The Belchertown Fair took place the weekend of September 26, 27 and 28th. The threat of rain became a reality this past year as some events and entertainment were cancelled or postponed due to uncooperative weather. However, many of the classic events were held.

As a new tradition, fair weekend opened for the second year on Thursday night with a spectacular fireworks presentation at Chestnut Hill School. Many of Belchertown's residents and folks from surrounding towns gathered on the field and in the parking lot at the school to enjoy a celebration that will hopefully be an ongoing tradition for many years to come. Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement park. As the rain moved in, we were forced to cancel live entertainment for Friday night in the social tent. The rain also intermittently closed certain rides and parts of the midway. We were unable to have the Giant Pumpkin Contest weigh-in and Boys Night Out. The attendance and duration of the horse pull on Saturday was affected greatly by the weather and for the first time in many fair-goers memories, the parade was cancelled. The "Judges Choice" award for the baby contest was Mason Lowe. The People's Choice award for the Exhibit Hall was awarded to Teresa Adam. The winner of the Gerry Whitlock Award for best theme presentation was awarded to both the Belchertown Twirlers and the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library. A large portion of vendor space was sold to non-profit local groups who benefit greatly from the event.

Despite the rainy conditions that plagued Belchertown Common for a large portion of the weekend, the attendance of the fair was comparable to past years and vendors reported that the weather did not heavily impact their profits. This proved that the Belchertown Fair is a beloved event that after 151 years it still holds significance and emulates a sense of community.

For the second year in a row, the Belchertown Fair has been recognized by the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association, earning first place status for our website. The fair also received recognition for the 'best of show' category.

In addition to recognizing all of the volunteers and committee members who donate countless hours of their own time as a year round commitment, we would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, the Staff of Town Hall and the Town Administrator for their efforts and continued support.

We are continually looking for new ideas and new people to assist in the year-round commitment that the fair entails. We encourage hardworking, interested individuals to attend a meeting and possibly become part of a great tradition that continues to get better and better each year.

Hope to see you at the 152nd!

Respectfully submitted, Sean Walker, Member
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Family Center Committee

The Belchertown Family Center is a fun and exciting place for families with children up to age six to drop in during three weekly sessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We offer a spacious environment that is safe and interactive for a young child to play and socialize at various developmental areas. The children are able to sit and look at books, create an arts and crafts project, pretend to be a gourmet cook in the kitchen area, hold a puppet show or jump around in the gross motor skill room. The center has a large, fenced-in back yard with a safe play structure, a large sandbox and riding toys for the children to enjoy.

The Belchertown Family Center has themed activities and field trips throughout the year. We also visit the Senior Center during the year as part of an inter-generational activity, many seniors and young children look forward to the visits and the activities planned; Thanksgiving Potluck is a favorite.

The center operates on donated funds collected during the drop-in sessions, a grant from the Hampshire Education Collaborative, a utility budget from the town and fundraising events. In 2008 we hosted our fifth annual 5K Fun Run and our second Silent Auction.

The Center continues being successful through the countless parents who volunteer their time and from the support received from the Town of Belchertown and the community. We look forward to serving the needs of the young children, enjoy watching them develop socially and intellectually and create friendships that prepare them for grade school.

Sincerely,

Belchertown Family Center Committee
Claudia Bermudez
Angela Braese
April Czupryna
Amy Scott
Stacy Stackhouse

Fire Department

The Fire Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection to our community. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through efforts of the firefighters, their families, our Town Officials and the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

The Department took delivery of the new fire engine in early July and with a month or so of technical training placed the new engine into service at the end of August. The new engine's début at the Belchertown fair however was spoiled due to the inclement weather, which cancelled our annual parade.

The fire association aided with the outfitting of new equipment for the newest piece and has expended in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, which comes from our various fund raising activities. Again, we thank the community for their continued and generous support.

The new engine compliments the current fleet we have in service to provide fire protection and improves our capabilities for property conservation.

Your firefighters continue to keep current with new standards and technology and conducted ninety-four training sessions. With the new development of several large businesses, fire prevention enforcement and planning continues to be ongoing and steady with very little decrease from last years total inspection volume.

There was a slight increase in the annual incident call volume in 2008 partially due to the new carbon monoxide law put into place, and the fact that people are complying with the installation of these life saving devices. The department is anticipating the increased call volume will level off once people are more familiar and comfortable with the units in their homes.

The projections for town funding in addition to state and federal are becoming very slim to extinct with no relief in sight, however the department along with the dedicated support of the firefighters will continue to press forward providing services for emergencies as the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Members of the Department are:

Fire Chief
Edward F. Bock

Chief Fire Inspector
Capt. John C. Workman

Captains
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis
David Auchter

Lieutenants
Edward D. Fuller
Tom Cooke
Darryn Beaudry

Firefighters
Sam Joyal
Hugh Hubbard
Paul Tierney
Donald Thayer
Scott Cameron
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Scott Rae
Matt Rivest
Jeff Scott
Mark Lavallee
Mike Beaupre
Herbert Wood
Patrick McMorrow
Scott Chapman
Gilbert Ocasio
Thomas Giguere
Jeff Haughey
Robert Ladd, Sr.
Dan Austin
Kevin Fitzgerald
Christopher Fournier
Rhyan Huber
Shawn O'Rourke
Justin Roy
Josh Pringle

Auxiliary Firefighters
Dave Burns
Nathan Shattuck
Kevin Vickers
Matt Tolpa
Robert VanZandt Jr.
Mike Neiford

Types of Responses 2008

Structure Fires	40
Vehicle Fires	08
Vehicle Extrication	13
Wildland Fires	50
CO Alarms	46
Hazardous Spills	16
Faulty Appliance	98
Sounding Alarms	20
Investigations	28
Mutual Aid	05
Total	**324**

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	704
Smoke Detector	213
Oil Burner	87
Propane Storage	128
Underground Tank Removal	06
Fuel Storage	03
Blasting	11
Total	**1152**

Hampshire Council of Governments

The focus of the Hampshire Council of Governments continues to be to help local governments save money and solve problems through regional cooperation, and a commitment to the concept of local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in FY2008 were $37,206. All 12 council members receive a 75% dues reduction because they voted to continue their membership with the Council for four years. The purpose of the reduction was to ease the financial burden to the municipalities while increasing the stability of the Council membership. The dues collected helped support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs.

In FY08, 50 towns and districts throughout the counties of Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden and, most recently, Berkshire, were utilizing the Council's Electricity Program, for their municipal facilities. This Program was also the electricity supplier for 11 businesses in Hampshire County. Hampshire Power continues to offer two rate plans. The Real Time Rate is the hourly market rate for each hour's usage during the meter cycle. An administrative charge is added to this rate. The Profit Share Rate is the actual utility price, and customers who opt for this rate share in profits which the Council hopes to earn by buying directly from the electricity spot market. Although market prices in December 2007 and the spring months of 2008 were very high; overall, both rate groups saved over utility rates. The Council is ready to extend into Worcester County in the coming year. Another goal is the implementation of pilot residential services in Hampshire County as a stepping stone to supplying more residents through municipal aggregation. **In the 27 months that Belchertown has been part of this electric program, Belchertown has saved $228,952.96 off the National Grid price!**

The Cooperative Purchasing program, now in its 28th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for FY2008 was $5.8 million with a projected savings of $926,643.

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single-digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. In the insurance year 2008, (April 1, 2007, to March 31, 2008), the collective premium for the Trust was $36 million. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits.

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. Department personnel are primarily involved with sales, account analysis, and program development for Hampshire Power. In addition, the department continues to secure surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for FY2008, after fees and delivery charges, totaled $10,252. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on nicer pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. Regional Services continued its oversight of the Hampshire Inspection Program, which provides building inspection and zoning enforcement services. Emergency inspection services are also available for other towns not in the program for an hourly fee. Department personnel prepared two grant applications for the Town of Pelham, although results have not been announced yet. Finally, personnel prepared a wage and salary survey of Hampshire County municipalities.

The elected Councilors provide public oversight for Hampshire Care in Leeds, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility owned and operated by the Council and County since 1914. The facility provides for 120 patients, with over 250 admissions per year from all the towns in the County. The majority of patients are admitted for rehabilitative care following an accident or illness. Hampshire Care also provides post hospital treatment, and long-term nursing services. The facility has an exemplary record of performance on State and Federal surveys, and rates highest in the County on State Survey results (See Massachusetts Department of Public Health "Nursing Home Report Card."). As a government owned, non-profit facility, Hampshire Care has no owners or stockholders to report to and concentrates all of its resources on offering the best patient care possible. All revenues for the facility's operation come from patient services. Hampshire Care also has roughly the same profile of Medicare, Medicaid, and private patients as the average long-term care facility in Massachusetts. The Hampshire Council of Governments is very sensitive to its responsibilities as a government entity to provide services for the communities it serves. The Council would like to be able to expand the public services being offered on the campus of Hampshire Park, where Hampshire Care is located. Hampshire Care also provides a substantial number of good jobs, with 120 full-time equivalents and over 150 employees. These employees, as well as the patients, are almost all residents of the surrounding towns and villages. The total financial impact on the local economy is about $8.5 million dollars. As a government entity Hampshire Care is challenged by the need to provide employees with better benefits than private sector facilities, while receiving lower reimbursement because of the high quality of patient care.

The Council has continued to provide tobacco prevention efforts in the region since 1994. Currently there are two programs run by the Tobacco Free Network. Through the Youth Access to Tobacco prevention program we are working in 33 towns in Franklin, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties. These communities do not have local youth access to tobacco regulations or are not currently enforcing their regulations. By conducting compliance checks, providing retailer and community education, and working with local boards of health we hope to reduce the sale of tobacco to minors and increase compliance with the state law. In addition, the Network has developed a smoke free apartment website, www.smokefree.hampshirecog.org, funded through a partnership with the Northeastern University's Public health Advocacy Institute. We are working to provide education and information to landlords in Western Mass about the health and legal consequences of allowing smoking in their apartments and the advantages of going smoke free. Finally, the Network is part of a four town wellness project where tobacco cessation is a key component of the program. This year we launched the Wellness Initiative, a worksite wellness program for the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust's nearly 70 worksites. We are surveying insurance subscribers to learn about their individual health needs and interests, providing education on specific health topics, sending a monthly newsletter to the units and individuals, conducting visibility events and launching wellness programs.

In addition to the various departments, programs, and services, each Councilor attends a monthly Full Board Meeting as well as a Standing Committee Meeting. Each Committee has oversight of specific departments and programs and continues to look for ways to increase revenue and provide services.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300, ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Council Representatives
William R. Barnett
Kenneth E. Elstein
Donald L. Minney
Donald J. Pipczynski

Board of Health

Communicable Disease Report:

The following reportable diseases and animal bites were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2008:

Animal to Human Bites:

Cat bites:	4
Dog bites:	12
Squirrel bite:	1

Reportable Diseases:

Lyme Disease:	36
Pertussis (Whooping Cough):	15
Varicella (Chicken Pox):	6
Aseptic Viral Meningitis:	1
Anaplasmosis:	2
Babesiosis:	2
Campylobacter Enteritis:	3
Cryptosporidiosis:	1
Group A Streptococcal:	2
Haemophilus influenza pneumonia:	1
Hepatitis A:	2
Hepatitis B:	2
Hepatitis C:	4
Salmonellosis:	1

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 78 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. An additional 48 suspected cases were reported in 2008 of which 45 were for suspected Lyme Disease. The recent addition of a computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Margarita Canuel R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

In addition, in 2008, over 200 Belchertown senior citizens or other at risk for flu complications town residents received a flu vaccine shot at one of the Board of Health's immunization clinics held at the Senior Center or at the Town Hall. Home visits are performed for fragile or home-bound seniors who can't attend an immunization clinic.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:
- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margarita Canuel, R.N., Belchertown Public Health Nurse
Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O., Director of Public Health

Board of Health Permit/ License Activity Report:

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2008.

- Private Drinking Water Well Permits: 21 (19 New Constructions, 2 Replacements)
- Septic Permits: 58 (24 New Construction, 34 Repairs)
- Perc Test Applications: 82 (50 New Construction, 32Repairs)
- Food Establishment Permits: 29
- Limited Food Establishment Permits: 7
- Retail Food Permits: 13
- Residential Kitchen Permits: 5
- Tanning Unit Permits: 9
- Ecology Can Permits: 2
- Funeral Director License: 1
- Septic Hauler's Permits: 9
- Public Pool Permit: 1
- Public Spa Permit: 0
- Temporary Food Permits: 6
- Belchertown Fair Temporary Food Permits: 30
- Mobil Food Permits: 0
- Day Camp Permit: 3
- Piggery License: 3
- Frozen Dessert License: 2
- Mobil Home License: 1
- Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces Variance Permits: 8
- Tobacco Retail Permits: 13
- Septic Installer's Permits: 32
- Milk & Cream Licenses: 32
- Bakery: 2

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Board of Health

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2008:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes & Soil Evaluations	82	28	8
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	24	8	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	34	24	8
Septic Installation Inspections & Re-inspections	69	40	13
Well Application Review	21	N/A	3
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) & Re-inspections	37	86	10
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	2	4	1
Lead Paint Inspections	1	4	0
Condemnations (housing units)	2	8	0
Release from Condemnations (housing units)	2	8	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections & Licensing	3	0	0
New or Remodeled Food Establishment Openings	3	3	0
Food Establishment Inspections	32	36	1
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	30	8	0
Nuisance Orders Issued or Nuisance Complaints Investigated	23	62	1
Tanning Bed Licensure	4	4	0
Food Illness Complaints/ Food Recall Inspections	3	4	0
Emergency Beaver Trapping/ Dam Removal Inspections & Permits	5	6	1
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	2	1	N/A
Board Meetings/ Hearings	11	20	17
Inspection Activities District-Wide Total:		**807**	

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2008 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2009 budget, town assessments, the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs, as well as new personnel. In August 2008, the District welcomed a new Health Inspector, Ryan Fitzemeyer.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. All three communities belong to the Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, with the Director of Public Health sitting on the Executive Committee.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Ryan Fitzemeyer, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District Bylaw Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alteration within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 100 Historic District Commissions operating in Massachusetts, administering over 200 Local Historic Districts. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that didn't require public hearings. At the time of the writing of this annual report we are working on the proposed changes at the intersection of Main/S. Main/Jabish/Maple Street in the hopes of minimizing the impact on the historic district. We also have been involved in providing input to the updated sign bylaw. Several new businesses have moved into the historic district in the past year. We would like to express our appreciation to all of the new business owners for their efforts in working together with us to maintain the historic character of the common.

For the sixth year, the Historic District Commission was pleased to present its annual preservation awards. This has become an annual event for properties located within the historic district. This year we decided to honor business people who have brought a new vitality to the historic center while exhibiting a commitment to work within the parameters of the design guidelines established for the district.

The 2008 preservation awards winners are:

~Edwin Bridgman House~ Known today as *Collective Copies* at 55 Main Street. This was built ca 1815-1819. It is of a Greek revival style with classical features as corner pilasters, a pediment and monumental dimensions. Wright Bridgman Sr., and his son Wright Jr., and grandson Edwin Ruthven Bridgman each owned the home in succession. Wright Jr., who in 1869 moved a cigar business there, ran a store to the south of the house on the premises. The store disappeared years ago. It had been used for residential purposes for many years. More recently it was the Belchertown Spa. Collective Copies has developed this into a small business incubator and there are several businesses currently operating out of this location.

~Humphrey T. Filer Carriage Manufactory Annex~ Known today as *Kristina's Café* at 9 North Main Street. This building was built ca. 1840, as was 5 and 11 North Main Street.

These three buildings were originally on one deed, all part of Filer's Carriage business. In early deeds these buildings were referred to as the carriage shops, storehouse, and later the paint, trimming and blacksmith shops. In 1914 James A. Peeso purchased all three buildings and they were collectively referred to as "Peeso's tenements". Later this building was utilized for other commercial purposes. About the turn of the century Dan Austin had a tinsmith's shop on the first floor while Roy Shaw carried out his undertaking business on the second floor. For many years it was used as a multi-family dwelling. Dennis Graham had repurposed the building as a fine dining restaurant in 2005. Kristina Weibel opened her wildly popular breakfast, lunch and bakery spot in the spring of 2007.

~Henneman's Garage~ Known today as *Station Five* Hair Salon at 5 Jabish Street. This building was built ca. 1939. It was owned and operated by J. Raymond Gould for many years, however the Henneman family ran it for the longest. A one bay garage was added ca. 1950, but the basic structure with curvilinear office and small round window on the south side retains its 1930's colonial revival influence. The building stands partially on the site of what was an early nineteenth century commercial building which housed Root's Store, Mark Doolittle's law office and later Leach's Carriage Manufactory which was destroyed by fire around 1894. Early in the 20th century Harold E. Kimball operated a small sporting goods store here. Deborah Lowe, the owner of *Station Five* has carried off a very creative reuse of this structure that is in complete harmony with the historic district.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the state. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre, Chair
Rob Condon
Peter Roberts
Denise Smith
Jonathan Spiegel

Historical Commission

Members:

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Erika Hamilton
F. Knowlton Utley
Steven Cole
Shannon Materka
Sue Fulton
Maxine Oland

Associate Members:

Judith Fuller Gillan
Alice Pellisser

At the start of the year the Historical Commission was working to get a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). This grant was to be used to hire a firm to survey Belchertown houses that were constructed prior to 1900. In order to get the Massachusetts Historical Commission grant we had to have the money up front before MassHistoric would reimburse us. We went to the Community Preservation Commission to get the project started. We were able to get $25,000.00. We hired the preservation planning firm of Fitzgerald & Holliday, Inc. of Connecticut. In October 2007, Mr. Leslie E. Squires and Ms. Maxine Oland went to Boston to meet with Michael Steinitz, Director of Preservation and Planning Division, and his assistant Peter Stott. We also met with Steven Bradford and Stacy Vairco, from Fitzgerald & Holliday. The meeting was to go over the contract as to what was expected and how payments were to be made. We agreed to meet in May 2008 to see how they were coming along. This was our phase two meeting. This meeting took place in Belchertown. Michael Steinitz, Peter Stott and Steven Bradford made the trip to Belchertown. We answered any questions Mr. Bradford might have. In July we met again in Belchertown for the phase three meeting. At this time we were given the rough copies that were completed. We were to edit the forms to get any corrections made before they were finalized. In September a CD was sent to Ms. Oland with the final surveys. She had them printed up so we could make a last review of the surveys. The completed surveys arrived in Belchertown in early December. The MHC sent a check for $15.000.00 to Belchertown where it was put back in the CPC funds. A copy of the surveys are being printed and will go to the Town Clerk's office, the Clapp Memorial Library and to the Stone House Museum. We would like to redo the surveys that were done in the 1970's. These need to be updated as some of the houses have been added to or modernized. Some of them no longer exist, and a record needs to be kept.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority consist of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments and three DMR houses.

The elderly/disabled are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each apartment has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom and bath. On site parking is available and there is a laundry room located in the office/community room building. Heat, electric, and trash pick up are included in rent. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There is on site maintenance and a 24-hour answering service.

The family housing is located at State Street and George Hannum Street. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on second floor and half bath on first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments is determined on your net annual income. The apartments are managed by an Executive Director appointed by the Authority Board and are operated according to the policy of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

The DMR housing is located at State Street, George Hannum Street and East Walnut Street. The houses on State Street and George Hannum Street are administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and East Walnut is administered by the Western Massachusetts Consortium.

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Avenue, OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. The office telephone number is 413-323-4064. When the office is not open an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Cohen-Executive Director
Tracey Thompson-Chair
Jim Gambaro-Vice Chair
Sally Dodge-Affirmative Action Officer
Knowlton Utley-State Appointee, Treas.
John Taras

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued 13 new construction-building permits for single-family residences, six new construction-building permits for condos and four new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2008.

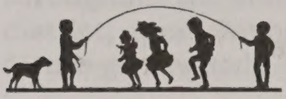
The total number of permits for the year totaled 1159. The bulk of the permits were for homeowners adding on to their homes or altering/repairing them. The Department also saw a significant increase of permits for woodstove/pellet stoves.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector, and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Douglas Rae is serving as Assistant Electrical Inspector.

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department



We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. With the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, baton twirling and soccer. Wrestling returned this summer and we added new programming such as a Football Clinic. Those ages 3 to adults were able to enjoy such summer programs as art classes, Take-A-Hike, and canoeing or kayaking.

The Recreation Department welcomed a few new employees over the course of 2008, our new Secretary greets customers as they stop by the office to register for programming; and A very energetic Teen Center Coordinator along with her new enthusiastic Assistant joined our Department this past year also.

We continued our overall beautification of the town beach by continuing with our landscape and bathroom improvements. Our summer of enjoyable weather throughout the beach season once again increased our daily attendance.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

We would like to thank our patrons, School Department, Town Staff and Town Officials who helped us to comply in a prompt manner with the new Federal Law the "Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Act". This Community's teamwork helped us to maintain uninterrupted aquatic services to our public.

The Teen Center has seen many changes the first being almost an entire new staff but also new programming which included such classes as; French Lessons, Nature Walks and Piano Lessons. The Overnight Jr. Prom Party was great success as was the Annual Senior Spaghetti Dinner. In 2009 Participants can look forward to additional Safe Sitter Classes and Art Classes along with many of our returning favorites; Theatre and a Day at the Beach.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. Incumbent members Judith Dudek, Elizabeth Desrochers, and David Droz were re-elected in the November election, while retiring members Barbara Beaulieu and George Castonguay were succeeded by Gail Roberts and Duncan Stewart, respectively. Warren resident Thomas Rugani was elected to fill the vacancy from that community. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Curriculum

Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate continued improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The number of students who scored in the "Advanced" category jumped dramatically from a combined 8% to a combined 30% in Mathematics and ELA. Also, 98% of the sophomores passed the ELA portion during the March testing period, and 94% passed the mathematics portion. These results clearly indicate the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS performance. For the sixth consecutive cycle, Pathfinder met the standard for "Adequate Yearly Progress" prescribed in the "No Child Left Behind" law.

Science staff members continued to fine-tune the scope and sequence of the science courses to include several sections of Engineering and Technology as well as additions to the *Project Lead the Way* curriculum. Students in those courses did exceptionally well in the preliminary round of science MCAS testing

To accompany the high quality curriculum mapping done in mathematics, the Department purchased a new set of Algebra I books so that all students taking that course would have the advantage of the same material. In addition, an Algebra II course for entering 9th graders was designed to challenge those students who had already taken Algebra I. The department continues to put the final touches on a Calculus course which would follow the pre-Calculus class that many students now take.

As we entered our third year of *Project Lead the Way* (PLTW), the staff was and continues to be excited about the potential for this program. Currently a science elective, this offering will eventually lead to a comprehensive and rigorous pre-engineering program involving several technical departments. Our instructors continued to participate in professional development training designed specifically for PLTW during the summer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Pathfinder continued to respond to the challenge of preparing students to enter the region's largest workforce—health care. The school's affiliations with area hospitals and health care facilities continued to provide positive learning experiences for the students, and the recent expansion of the program should prove beneficial for all concerned.

Pathfinder continued to build on several of the efforts that were launched during the previous school year, including:

- Expansion of the mandatory portfolio requirement in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen and the continued investigation of the use of digital portfolios.

- Reinstitution of the Renaissance Program and the continuation of the trimester system for 2008-09.
- Training in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and OSHA for students and staff as appropriate.
- Alignment of vocational programs with the developing state curriculum frameworks in preparation for offering the Certificate of Occupational Proficiency—a new credential for vocational students.
- Evaluation of the Machine Technology Department in 2008, resulting in national accreditation by NIMS.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for junior and senior students. These projects also constitute a major portion of the school's commitment to local town departments. The following list is a sample of such efforts completed over the past year:

- Auto Body students and their instructor organized and ran the Annual Pathfinder car show, the proceeds from which benefit the Skills/USA Program at Pathfinder.
- Auto Re-conditioning students continued to service vehicles for police, highway, fire and water departments in member towns.
- Building Services students provided regular maintenance to the Chamber of Commerce offices and in-school Pathfinder offices.
- Cosmetology students continued to provide services to some member town senior citizen centers.
- Culinary arts students planned, prepared, and served meals for numerous local town and civic events. They continued to assist in the preparation of meals for the Elderly Lunch Program at Pathfinder.
- Electrical students updated the wiring and lighting at the Ware Grange Hall.
- Machine Technology students designed and began construction of a building sign for the Ware Town Hall. They also worked on equipment for the Three Rivers Fire Department and continued the design and production of their popular aluminum cribbage boards that are donated to local charity fund raising programs.

The School's Cooperative Education Program allowed eligible seniors and second-term juniors to receive a paid, career-related job experience in lieu of attending their vocational program at the school. This "real world" opportunity allows them to improve upon their previously established work ethic and basic skills. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned a fair wage and were exposed to a wide array of technical experiences. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced their competencies, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. To be considered and to remain in the program, students must demonstrate above average grades, attendance, and behavior.

Throughout the year, 24 students—including 15 seniors-- participated in the program. Although most of the seniors left their placements after graduation for college or other opportunities, four remained as full-time employees. The remaining nine participants were juniors, and of these, five were employed full-time during the summer.

The slowing economy has negatively impacted the number of opportunities for student placement. This factor has caused the school to explore other options to provide this invaluable "real world" experience.

Student Body

Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2008 totaled 623 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 78; Granby 24; Hardwick 16; Monson 83; New Braintree 3; Palmer 194; Ware 95; and Warren 50. The remaining 80 students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow and Oakham respectively. The 623 figure in October represents a decrease of 21 students overall from the end of the 2007-08 school year.

The Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received over 300 applications for September, 2008 admission. Of the applications received, 250 represented applicants for the 175 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11. An unusually large number of accepted freshmen decided not to enroll at the end of the summer, contributing to the lower number of students beginning the year. Efforts will continue during the first semester to enroll more students and a greater effort will be made to recruit more students for the 2009-10 school year.

Parents or students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In October and November, Pathfinder's Guidance Department visited the 8th graders in our member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free spaghetti dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest; this year the Open House attracted just under 300 attendees! In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to attend a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. The summer Youth Enrichment Program continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process. A copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end- of- the- year drawing for prizes like music systems and gift cards. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts, assistance from the school committee, as well as generous donations from local businesses. Recently, many faculty members have become involved by providing classroom incentives and rewards for Renaissance cardholders.

At the 22nd Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Monson resident Dianne Gilligan represented Pathfinder. Dianne also was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the MAVA/MVA's Walter J. Markham Award. Dianne, a culinary arts student, excelled in her classes and ranked at the top of her class. With a cumulative GPA of 3.98, Dianne consistently earned high honors and Renaissance Gold Card recognition and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and excellence in culinary arts and her academic studies, including Highest Academic Achievement her freshman, sophomore and junior years. Dianne served as Class President and was involved with Skills/USA, the American Culinary Federation's Junior Chefs Association, the National Technical Honor Society, Pathfinder Student Mentoring, the Prom Committee, Tech Prep, and volunteered as a Pathfinder Tour Guide. In addition, Dianne was a multi-sport team participant as a member of the school's soccer, basketball and softball teams. Junior year she received the Coach's Award in basketball and last fall was selected as an All-League Stopper in soccer. Dianne is currently attending HCC and is interested in event planning.

Yvonne Simard of South Hadley was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the 2008 Massachusetts Vocational Association's Secondary Award. Yvonne was enrolled in Health Occupations and, like Dianne, was a consistent academic and technical award winner. In her four years at Pathfinder Yvonne earned ten awards for achievement and excellence in her studies. She also earned her CNA. Yvonne consistently made high honors and earned Renaissance recognition. As a junior she was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Yvonne had a cumulative GPA of 3.78. Yvonne is currently enrolled in the Pre-Health program at HCC and is interested in earning her degree in Nursing.

Students who participated in Skills USA competition continued to bring recognition and honor to the school by winning medals during competitions. Eleven students participated in the 34th annual Skills/USA state competition in May. Five students representing Culinary Arts, Health Occupations, HVAC, and Machine Technology brought home silver medals for their efforts.

In June 2008, the graduating class of 143 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 54% of the graduates had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, about 21 % planned to enter the workforce, while 7% had made commitments to serve in the military. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Additionally, seniors successfully participated in the Early College program offered through one of the local community colleges.

Over $173,000 in scholarships was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2008. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

Student Affairs and Athletics

Clearly one of the highlights of 2008 was the *F.I.R.S.T* Tech Challenge robotics championship held on March 1st. Earlier in the year Pathfinder had been selected as the Massachusetts affiliate to host this event. Along with Pathfinder's team, contestants from throughout New England and nearby Canada participated in the day-long event. A majority of staff members volunteered their time to assist with the program which was coordinated by Electronics Instructor Eric Duda.

Throughout the year, many groups conducted fundraisers to supplement the school's budget for field trips and other activities. As in previous years, students were active in supporting local charitable efforts. For example, the Mentors sponsored their annual "Penny Wars," a competition among shops to fill jars with change, the proceeds of which were donated to "Comfort Zone," a camp for underprivileged children. And once again, the school conducted two Red Cross blood drives. Leading up to Thanksgiving, the Student Council organized their annual food drive that resulted in holiday dinners for 31 families.

The senior class was particularly active during the year. Senior Night was held at the school in May and featured a no-cost Chinese and American buffet, a D.J. for dancing, a magic show, and even a hypnotist.

Over 200 students participated in athletics during 2008, a slight increase over the previous year. Among their accomplishments:

- The boys' varsity basketball team won the Tri-County League championship and was undefeated in league games. They were runners-up in the state Vocational Basketball Tournament and qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The girls' varsity basketball team was the runner-up in the Tri-County League and qualified for both the state Vocational Tournament and the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The wrestling team completed its second year. Jeremy Lamotte won the 171 pound category in the Western Mass. Tournament, and placed in the State Tournament.
- The Varsity Golf Team won the Tri-County League north division title for the first time ever. Josh Lebeau finished 2nd in the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The girls' varsity softball team qualified for both the Western Mass. Tournament and the State Vocational Tournament.
- The varsity football team was the Tri-County League runner-up. The team qualified for the Western Mass. Super Bowl playoff game, losing to Easthampton.
- The boys' varsity soccer team won the Tri-County league championship. The team was the Vocational Tournament runner-up and qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament, winning the first round. The team also garnered several prestigious awards: the MIAA State Soccer Sportsmanship Award for Division 3; the Carl Erickson Sportsmanship Award; and the MIAA Silver Certificate for academic achievement.

- The girls' varsity soccer team qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The following student athletes were named to the *Republican's* All Scholastic First Team in their respective sports: Kyle Phillips (basketball); Josh Lebeau and Kyle Simard (golf); Phil Jett (baseball); Megan Maska (softball); Pat Jessop and Kyle Pobieglo (football); Corey Morin (soccer); Jeremy Lamotte (wrestling).
- Phil Jett and Dee Gilligan were winners of the Outstanding Senior Athlete awards at the conclusion of the school year.

Special Services

During 2008, the Special Education Department continued to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department is committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of all learners in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Through integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency.

Special Education liaisons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for 51 students in the MVIP Program and 196 students in grades 9-12. The Department also continued to be responsible for approximately 35 students who have 504 Accommodation Plans which require accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes 15 professionally licensed teachers, 7 paraprofessionals, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

The Federal *Individuals With Disabilities Education Act*, passed in 1990 and recently revised in 2004, encourages schools to have students with disabilities spend as much time as possible with their non-disabled peers. Pathfinder began to implement the full inclusion model consisting of a regular education instructor and a special education instructor or paraprofessional for all major courses. All required courses align with the state Curriculum Frameworks. Math, reading and language arts instruction continue to be supplemented with Title I funded instruction.

The MVIP Program operated at capacity with 51 students. All six shops offered instruction *closely* coordinated with Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program included:

- **Office Business**: Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services**: Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of some hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture**: Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning**: Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they provide this service to the public.

- **Food Services**: Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations**: Students learn to maintain the patients' environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a *support* role in the aligned program area. At graduation exercises in June, 13 MVIP students received their certificates.

The Department continued to explore alternative pathways that could be a permanent solution to address the age-span issue within the MVIP Program. Currently the age 14-17 students attend shop in the morning with classes in the afternoon. The age 18-21 students attend shop in the afternoon and classes in the morning.

Grants, Donations and Contracts:

Source	Amount	Acquisitions
Asylum Gym	$15,000	6 CyBex Machines
Asylum Gym	$10,000	2 dumbbell racks; plate dumbbells in 5 lb. increments 15 – 80 lbs.
Mass Mutual	$24,000	24 computers for remodeled English Lab
Montachusett Regional Technical School	$4,800	24 Monitors for remodeled English Lab
NEPAC – New England Patriots Alumni Association	$500	2 Cut Dummies
Special Education Grant	$238,000	1 Math, 1 ELA Inclusion Model teacher, evaluations, ESPED materials
Special Ed Improvement Grant	$2,500	ELA Inclusion training
Special Ed CPR Grant	$2,500	Staff to update folders for Coordinated Program Review
Title I	$128,000	ELA & Math Inclusion instructor. Shop week ELA Tutor
Teacher Quality	$20,000	Retain highly qualified staff member
Innovative Programs	$3,000	Renew Renaissance License for Reading Lab
Safe and Drug Free	$4,500	Provide Release time for Mentoring and Peer Evaluation
Workforce Investment Act	$78,000	Provide meaningful summer jobs for 32 participants
WIA – Performance Award	$10,000	Provide meaningful school year jobs for 10 participants
BioTeach	$8,000	Purchase materials for BioTech initiative
ASDC	$8,000	Evaluate BioTech Initiative
Academic Support	$9,000	MCAS PREP and remediation for 30 Pathfinder 9th Graders
Total	**$575,800**	

Special Programs

The School Committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities that took place during the year.

The summer Youth Enrichment Program served 155 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for four one-week sessions between July 7th and August 1st. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Automotive, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Environmental Explorers, Photography and Web Page Design, and Vex Robotics. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports, games, or crafts in the afternoon.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board under the Workforce Investment Act and this year received a special additional incentive amount of $10,000 as a result of a favorable review by the granting agency. Participants took advantage of this program of part-time employment, including job counseling, academic support, and intensive follow-up by grant-supported staff.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. In order for the program to remain self-sufficient and to be competitive with other area programs, the course fee of $150 has remained unchanged over the past several years. Fourteen academic courses were offered for students in grades 8-12.

Additionally, a vocational summer school program was offered during the last week of June. The combined summer school enrollment included 151 students from 7 school districts.

Faculty and Staff

The number of staff in 2008-09 remained essentially unchanged, but Pathfinder experienced an increasing number of retirements. In June, the school said farewell to Ann Blake (Social Studies), Bruce Charwick (Mathematics), Richard Ganter (Auto Reconditioning), and Melinda Rigney (Psychologist). Retirees in the fall included Susan Costa (English) and Rosalie Lopes (Executive Secretary).

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of three Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators.

Budget and Finance

The school committee adopted a FY09 budget of $12,262.460. While the Monson town meeting and the Palmer Town Council were unable to approve their share, town meeting members in each of the other six communities did so. Consequently, the budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

The following chart illustrates FY09 assessments to each member community.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS - 2008-2009

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION	SHARE OF REGULAR CAPITAL	4TH YR. OF 5 YR. CAPITAL PLAN	TRANSPORTATION	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	526,079	70,294	159,106	14,043	68,928	37,805	-	876,256
GRANBY	218,979	7,810	62,857	5,548	30,760	14,935	-	340,890
HARDWICK	85,070	15,621	35,357	3,121	10,871	8,401	-	158,440
MONSON	470,956	46,863	155,177	13,696	39,346	36,872	-	762,911
N. BRAINTREE	43,652	7,810	11,786	1,040	4,424	2,800	-	71,514
PALMER	867,599	78,105	331,962	29,300	53,031	78,877	-	1,438,874
WARE	660,893	78,105	216,070	19,071	36,388	51,340	-	1,061,867
WARREN	205,912	31,242	90,356	7,975	19,625	21,470	-	376,580
TOTAL	3,079,140	335,851	1,062,670	93,795	263,376	252,500	-	5,087,332

Concluding Statement

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The conclusion of 2008 saw alarming indications of a severe economic downturn that economists, legislators, and state education officials described as "catastrophic." There were predictions that additional cuts to the FY09 state budget might affect local school districts and an absolute certainty that state aid to cities, towns, and schools would be reduced for FY10. The school committee recognizes that, despite the bleak outlook, the challenge will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael O'Connor, Belchertown
Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby
Robert J. Dupuis, Hardwick
Gail A. Roberts, Monson
Duncan Stewart, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Thomas Rugani, Warren

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Jeanne Bell, who left the Board in June; Sharon Riley and Julie Peck. Joe Bernard was named to the Board in November of 2007 but was unable to continue for family reasons and did not participate in 2008. Kelly Flynn, Katharine Higgins-Shea, and Simon James joined the Board in October 2008.

The following job descriptions were acted upon:

- Shine Counselor/Social Services Assistant
- Secretary/Assistant to Zoning Board of Appeals

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

- A year unpaid leave of absence request was approved for a member of the EMS Department.
- The board compiled recommended changes to the Personnel By-Law to be included as a Warrant for the Annual Town meeting on May 12. The recommended changes were in the areas of Classification Appeals, Grievance Procedures, and Classification and Compensation. In addition, a change was made in the Personnel By-Law to correct the amount of life insurance available to employees.
- A request to defer accrued vacation leave for as long as 2 years for Owen Maloney, Director of the Clapp Library, was approved by the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Personnel Board Members
Kelly Flynn
Katharine Higgins-Shea
Simon James
Julie Peck
Sharon Riley

Planning Board

The focus of the Planning Board changed in 2008 as the rapid rate of development waned and we were able to start some of the long-deferred planning projects. Residential development slowed noticeably, though there were still subdivisions under construction and a couple were reviewed. There was also some non-residential building the Planning Board reviewed.

Community Plan

The Community Plan Steering Committee completed the revision of the Belchertown Community Plan in 2008. The steering committee incorporated comments received from Belchertown's residents through a survey and a public forum. The steering committee then provided a draft of the revised plan for public review and discussed it with various town boards. The Planning Board has a January 2009 public hearing and will vote on adopting the plan.

The steering committee is:
Bernie Schliemann Judy Gillan
Linda LeDuc Woody Sherman
Chris Laurenzo Jon Clements
Ron Aponte

The committee benefited greatly from the use of UMass interns, Mario Teran and Evan Aird. The Town Planner, Doug Albertson, was staff to the steering committee.

The Selectmen and the Planning Board encourage all of you to be involved in guiding the Town's growth. There is much going on and everyone is affected.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire

Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Thirty-two new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Summit Street	9
State Street	8
Depot Street	5
Springfield Road	2
Stebbins Street	2
Allen Road	1
Boardman Street	1
Chauncey Walker Road	1
Mill Valley Road	1
South Washington Street	1
Ware Road	1
Total Lots	32

Preliminary Subdivision Plans: no preliminary subdivision plan was submitted in 2008.

Definitive Subdivision Plans: One definitive subdivision plan was reviewed during 2008. This was Hickory Hill, off George Hannum Road. This was approved in April. It has 65 lots. Construction has not started.

The Planning Board monitored 19 subdivisions under construction during 2008, including the ones noted above.

Completed Subdivisions: Two subdivisions were completed in 2008: Pheasant Run off Chauncey Walker Road and Emily Lane off Stebbins Street. These were accepted as public ways at the May town meeting.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan approvals:
- An office and storage building on State Street
- An office and storage building on North Liberty Street

Two special permit applications were reviewed; one was approved for motor vehicle sales on Federal Street, the other was denied approval for a wireless communication tower off Franklin Street.

No common driveway applications were submitted in 2008. One common driveway certificate of completion was issued for a driveway off Old Enfield Road.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Zoning Bylaw Changes: The Planning Board sponsored two changes to the zoning bylaw: one for clarifying the definition of “story”, the other a revision of the Open Space Community Development section. The agricultural commission proposed changes to the zoning bylaw’s schedule of uses. These were all passed by town meeting. A private property owner applied for a zone change on North Main Street which has yet to go to town meeting.

The Planning Board through a grant with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been researching and preparing a thorough revision of the sign section of the zoning bylaw. This has been done with other boards and offices and is to be ready for the 2009 May town meeting.

Compliance With the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board continued implementing the recommendations of the 2002 Community Plan. Some of the actions include:

Supported and advised with the Board of Selectmen the scheduled evaluation and revision of the Community Plan. The Planning Board funded this project and provided staff.

Worked with developers to provide accessible open space and preserved land in their projects.

Worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on a smart growth grant from the state to revise the town's sign bylaw; completed work on three other smart growth grant projects – one to improve our open space community development bylaw, an other to develop a permitting flow chart for all departments, and the third to publish a guide book on *low impact development.*

Provided support for the development of a housing needs assessment.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Town Planner applied to the state for the former Belchertown State School to be designated a priority development site and to receive the $100,000 grant that goes with the designation. This was awarded in May. The grant has been allocated partly to improve the town's geographic information system (GIS), and mostly to work with MassDevelopment for a site redevelopment feasibility assessment.

The Planning Board's web site linked via the town hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the planning office and planning board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- James Natle, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2009);
- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2010)
- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2011);
- Christopher Laurenzo, (term expires: 2012);
- Louis Faassen, Vice Chair (term expires: 2013);
- Mark Andrews, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (appointed annually.).

Past members during the year:

- Ron Akins, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits.

Staff:

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive and diligent to the service in 2008, providing quality professional services to the Belchertown Community with limited resources. Our dispatch center received 12,375 calls for services; we received 1747 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 380 arrests, for a total of 798 incidents. Officers issued 1632 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 225 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department continues to be proactive and embrace the community policing philosophy, offering several community based- policing programs through a community police grant received yearly from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, and Dare.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high school assisting staff and students, providing security and school based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. . The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within are school district and through this cooperation continued to keep funding in place for this position. The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; the Police Department and the School Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence. The Police Department continues to work with the community's senior population through the T.R.I.A.D program and the local S.A.LT (seniors and law enforcement working together) The Police Department and the Senior Center committee meet on a monthly basis and work on special projects through out the course of the year, this group is always looking for and would welcome new members.

Belchertown Police Officers, with cooperation of the Belchertown Recreation Department, continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. Women and children continue to receive the programs with overwhelming response enthusiasm. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior woman so they could receive classroom credit for the program. The RAD kids program thru the efforts of our school department, Swift River Elementary School and the Police Department implemented the program at the 2nd grade level with great success - a special thank you to Marilyn Higgins who is the teacher of the program and initiated the programs success.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our communities' children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year on a monthly basis. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service, this past year we received several grants to provide resources and car seats to residents who could not afford these resources

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Clicket or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues.

The Police Department received several grants this past year to combat underage drinking and continues to take proactive initiatives to keep our children safe.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year implemented the long awaited K-9 program which will assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residences of Belchertown safe The program was implemented this past spring with Officer Adam Brougham and his Belgian Malino dog Falco coming on board to the agency.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year promoted two part time police officers to full time positions Michael Beaupre, and Michael Roney they are presently enrolled in the full time police academy and will graduate in March 2009.

Two part time officers joined the Police Department this past year Officers Jacob Strange and Officer Andrew Sieracki.

The Police Department this past year hired a full-time dispatcher to our agency Michael Nieford who presently works the Midnight-eight tour of duty.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and woman of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residences of Belchertown safe.

Respectively submitted,
Francis R. Fox Jr., Chief of Police

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation

During 2008, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued to provide loans and services to its fifteen town region, including the town of Belchertown. Greg Galanek represents Belchertown on the Board of Directors of the BAC. Through the BAC, loans are made to businesses that cannot access equivalent financing from conventional sources. This year the BAC made no loan to businesses from Belchertown. The CDC did provide, however, business technical assistance to 80 pre-venture, early stage or existing businesses including thirteen (13) from the town of Belchertown. Funds for this assistance came through grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in fiscal years 2007 and 2008. Two Belchertown residents participated in a 12-week Business Planning course using the NxLeveL curriculum.

The CDC continues to provide a wide variety of computer training courses for businesses, for persons wanting to develop or improve their workforce skills and for the general public with an emphasis on serving low and moderate income people. In 2008, the CDC taught 16 computer students from Belchertown in a total of 8 different computer courses.

In July of 2008 the BAC was awarded a contract through the town of Palmer to make business loans to businesses in the Quaboag Valley, including Belchertown. Although no loans were made by the end of the year, two Belchertown businesses had active loan applications.

The CDC is pleased to serve Belchertown and encourages interested parties to contact us at 413-967-3001 or at mail@qvcdc.com or visit our website: www.qvcdc.com.

Susan S. Rutherford,
Executive Director

Scholarship Committee

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating seniors living in Belchertown. The committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o The Town of Belchertown or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payment. The Committee has the following members-- Emmanuel Haqq, Sharon Barnett, Michael O'Connor, Theresa Granville, Keith Poulin, Richard Pazasis and Simon James. In 2008 we awarded 3 scholarships for $200 each to Cassandra Fox, Julianne Jones and Christopher Nobes. We started 2008 with $348.16 and received $594.54 in contributions during the year. We had a balance of $707.51 at the end of 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Belchertown Public Schools

Superintendent's Report School Department highlights in 2008 included: having a stable student enrollment from the previous school year with the exception of registering the largest kindergarten class in the history of the school district; continuing to earn solid AYP and MCAS test scores; having an excellent budget to support teaching, learning, and improved administrative efficiency; continued accreditation for Belchertown High School by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; the addition of a new school committee member; and the selection of a new superintendent of schools to replace the retiring superintendent.

Regarding student enrollment, it generally remained stable from 2007 to 2008. However, the kindergarten program recorded its largest student enrollment within the past twenty-five years. The school district was able to accommodate all incoming kindergarten students with tuition-free full-day kindergarten experiences as the result of financial support from three grants: a special foundation reserve grant for $290,000, a $45,000 full-day transitional kindergarten grant, and a $126,000 full-day kindergarten classroom instructional grant. In addition, the Cold Spring School Parent-Teacher Organization was able to fund the installation of a beautiful new early childhood playground that was ready for use when school opened in September of 2008.

Once again, there was good news for Belchertown Public Schools regarding meeting "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) standards. As a school district, 99.4% of the teachers were recorded as licensed in their teaching area, and 98.3% met the NCLB Highly Qualified standard. Both percentages were higher than the state averages. Also, as an entire school district, the aggregate of all students in the MCAS grade levels tested (grades 3-12) in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Regarding NCLB ratings, the Belchertown School District performed at a High/On-Target level in English/Language Arts and at a Moderate/On-Target level in Mathematics. Belchertown High School performed at a Very High/On-Target level in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Jabish Brook Middle School performed at a Very High/On-Target level in English/Language Arts and at a Moderate/On-Target level in Mathematics. Chestnut Hill Community School performed at a High/On-Target level in English/Language Arts and at a Moderate/On-Target level in Mathematics. And Swift River Elementary School performed at a High/No Change level in English/Language Arts and at a Moderate/On-Target level in Mathematics.

Concerning financial support, although continued to be ranked within the bottom ten per-pupil spending districts in western Massachusetts, the school department received one of its most supportive budgets. Citizens voted for a $24,160,131 combined operations and transportation budget or a 8.3% increase. Approximately 58% of the funding came from the state and the remaining 42% from the local community. For the first time in several years the school department was able to add staff and new programs, as well as to help pick-up additional school-related expenses from the town. New staff and programs included:

Cold Spring (CSS) & Swift River (SRE) Schools

- Tuition-free full-day kindergarten for all students
- One kindergarten teacher and paraprofessional
- A second guidance counselor
- One first grade teacher
- Preschool-grade three reading/language arts program
- Preschool-grade three updated mathematics program
- Updated computer infrastructure at SRE
- Updated telephone systems at both CSS and SRE

Chestnut Hill Community School (CHCS)

- Grades four-six reading/language arts program

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS)

- Second foreign language teacher
- One special education teacher
- New social studies textbooks

Belchertown High School (BHS)

- One mathematics teacher
- One foreign language teacher
- Second art education teacher
- Second music education teacher
- Expanded athletic program

Central Office (CO)

- Curriculum Director
- Full-time school nurse leader
- New student management software system
- New teacher-parent communication software system
- Salary for school resource officer transferred from police department
- Several management information staff salaries transferred from town departments
- Workman compensation costs transferred from town departments

On November 21, 2008, Belchertown High School received a formal letter from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges granting continued accreditation for the next ten years. Several years of special preparation and extra hours of work by high school administrators, faculty, and staff members resulted in an excellent accreditation report.

Paul Anziano was appointed by the Belchertown School Committee and Belchertown Selectmen on November 17, 2008, to fill the vacant seat on the school committee as a result of the resignation of Barbara Schaffer-Bacon. Barbara left her seat after many years of exemplary service to the students and citizens of Belchertown. Paul is a graduate of Western New England College and has been very involved in various community organizations and projects, such as president of the Belchertown Little League, Almoner of the Bridgman and Whiting Street Funds, and a volunteer for various town recreation department programs. Paul was recently instrumental in helping the school department receive community preservation grant funding to irrigate the athletic fields at Belchertown High School.

On December 18, 2008, after an extensive search to find a replacement for retiring Superintendent of Schools Richard A. Pazasis, the Belchertown School Committee appointed Dr. Judith Houle, Director of Curriculum for Somers Public Schools, Connecticut, to take over on July 1, 2009. Dr. Houle has a bachelor's degree in music from Barrington College in Rhode Island, a master's degree in educational administration from Westfield State College, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Massachusetts. Her work experience includes: teaching music education at both the elementary and secondary school levels, serving as a principal at the elementary school level for two different school districts, holding the position of assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, serving as an assistant professor in educational leadership for a major university, and acting as the coordinator for professional development for the New England School Development Council. Dr. Houle is also a long-time Belchertown resident.

School Business Manager's Report

During 2008, the school department's formal procedures for monitoring budget spending continued to result in the effective use of its financial resources to provide and support quality education for all Belchertown students. Also, the school department and the town's treasurer's office worked together to implement the Internal Revenue Service's updated 403(b) tax shelter investment salary reduction program regulations for school employees.

The custodial staff continued to maintain a high standard of cleanliness for all school facilities. This high standard was achieved through supervised routine day-to-day cleaning activities as well as by Robert Lachance's, Director of Buildings and Grounds, establishment and implementation of a list of building repair and preventative maintenance priority lists. Major maintenance projects included, but were not limited to: hallway painting at Swift River Elementary School, heat pump replacements at Chestnut Hill Community School, and a complete roof replacement at Chestnut Hill Community School. The Town of Belchertown, at the town meeting on May 12, 2008, approved funding from the Community Preservation Act for an irrigation system for the soccer fields at the Belchertown High School. The irrigation system was installed in the summer of 2008. Under a small business energy efficiency program with National Grid, most school lights were replaced with lighting fixtures that use less energy, thus significantly lowering the cost for electricity. National Grid paid for 40% of the replacements and Belchertown Public Schools will pay the remaining amount with energy savings over the next two years.

The school lunch program continued to maintain student participation levels above the state average, which reached a high 78% participation rate under the leadership of Director of Food Service Ann Marie Beaupre, with the assistance of her hardworking food service staff. The food service department also continued to purchase locally grown produce and the nutrients of all menus were made available on Belchertown Public Schools' website for daily review. A food service administrative review, as required by federal regulations, was conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which indicated that the Food Service Department was in full compliance. The school lunch program also adhered to the school district's wellness policy as required by federal law.

The Belchertown School District continued to provide safe bus transportation for all its students in 2008. First Student provided regular transportation services for students in grades kindergarten through twelve and provided additional transportation for students participating in athletics and in after school activities. Van Pool Transportation provided transportation for many students requiring special accommodations.

Special Education Director's Report

One major focus during the 2008 school year was the continued monitoring of the department's compliance with state and federal regulations while creating new procedures to meet additional requirements related to IDEA 2004 and NCLB. The special education department also continued to submit data to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as part of the new "Cohort" requirements and continued to be found in complete compliance with all regulations governing those submissions.

The special education department continued to refine compensatory programs and services as presented in its "Continuum of Services" program guide. The number of students being served on IEPs rose to approximately 510 with the majority of students being served within district-based programs and classrooms. The continuation of both co-taught and the pull-out classrooms allowed more students to be educated in Belchertown Public Schools, including students who moved in from other local school districts and from out-of-state. Students who originally attended out-of-district programs while living in other communities were now able to attend programs in Belchertown as the result of the breadth of programs and services that our in-district programs provided.

The developmental kindergarten program that was established at Cold Spring School continued to serve students with special needs in an inclusive setting and a new program for students with emotional and behavioral needs was established at Jabish Brook Middle School in order to extend the continuum of services for these students beyond similarly existing programs at Swift River Elementary and Chestnut Hill Community School.

Early Childhood Center (CSS) and Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report

The Cold Spring School Early Childhood Center and Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2008 school year. Both schools provided safe and developmentally appropriate learning environments that encouraged and celebrated the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. There also was an increased focus related to effective communication with the school community. The CSS student enrollment totaled 232 and there were 608 students at SRE.

The following individuals joined the CSS/SRE staff or transferred to new positions: Robert Kuhn, principal of SRE/CSS; Holly Burton, pre-school teacher; Catherine Haley, special education teacher for kindergarten; Deb Beauchamp, regular education teacher for kindergarten; Tiffany Hoar, from part-time to full-time kindergarten teacher; Jenna Evans, guidance counselor for both CSS and SRE; Amy Napolitano, assistant principal at SRE; Candice Tarnawa, grade three teacher; Ann Hollingworth, grade two teacher; Matthew Baker, physical education teacher; and Meghan Mazzaferro, grade one teacher. All newly hired personnel participated in a beginning teacher's mentoring program in which they met with experienced veteran teachers throughout the school year.

During the summer of 2008, several teachers participated in a continuing professional development course entitled "Make and Take" taught by Kathy Dubuque. There also was a continuation of training on how to implement the Telian-Cas "Lively Letters" and the innovative "Handwriting Without Tears" instructional programs. An additional kindergarten and first grade teacher were added to reduce class size at the lower grade levels.

A continued emphasis on character education included the school-wide theme "It's All About Character." Each month a specific character trait was spotlighted and practiced through discussion, role-playing, literature, and social skill lessons. Some traits included respect, responsibility, tolerance, honesty, and citizenship. At the end of each month one student was nominated from each classroom for consistently exhibiting the specified character trait. A monthly award ceremony was held at SRE by assistant principal Amy Napolitano, who recognized each student publicly with a certificate and wristband to wear. Likewise, Stacy Monette, assistant principal at CSS, developed and implemented a program called "Catch Students Being Good" where students were recognize for doing kind things for others and making good choices. Students caught being good were given a special t-shirt to commend their choices for helping to maintain a positive school environment.

Other programs that continue to be a vital part of CSS and SRE were Junior Achievement and the savings bank program that was extended to all grade levels in 2008. Also, a Title I parent night was offered to parents and students of SRE to improve the partnership between school and home. Swift River Elementary School's second annual family art night was also a huge success. SRE art teacher Cathy Kenneally supervised this event with third grade students and their families to add additional detail to the existing Belchertown mural in the cafeteria.

A very important initiative in the fall of 2008 was the implementation of the new reading series. Starting in March of 2008, teachers from Cold Spring, Swift River Elementary, and Chestnut Hill Community School researched various reading textbooks for adoption. The MacMillian/McGraw "Treasures" (K-6) series was chosen and purchased. The staff at Cold Spring and Swift River were involved in many professional development activities, vocabulary lessons, assessments and parallel planning. SRE also extended its English/ Language Art block to 90 minutes across all grade levels to provide more emphasis on reading skills. CSS and SRE also implemented an updated Mathematics series "Everyday Math" across all grade levels and also extended its Mathematics blocks to 90 minutes. CSS and SRE also held professional development around Mathematics centers and differentiated instruction.

A new volunteer orientation program was developed to reinforce the appreciation and expectation of volunteers at CSS and SRE. A new volunteer handbook was developed that was available during the orientations as well as on the school district's website Parents received an overview of the three C's, Communication, Caring and Confidentiality along with identification badges. The purpose of this program was to establish a good rapport with families, provided a safe volunteer experience, and to effectively communicate with volunteers.

In the spring of 2008, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony was held at the Log Cabin where Cindy White, a second grade teacher, was recognized as an award recipient. In addition, we said goodbye to Paula Matukiatus and Paul Kucinski, both serving the Belchertown school community for many years. We wished them well in their retirement and are grateful for their hard work and dedication to Belchertown Public Schools.

The CSS/SRE PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) completed the purchase and installation of a new playground at CSS. When CSS students returned to school they were greeted with a colorful, age-appropriate playground with many adventurous apparatuses. The PTO raised over $56,000 to complete this worthwhile project.

With advice and assistance from the CSS/SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report, along with the completion of other projects, became a reality. School Council members were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Elise Wright, co-chair/parent representative; Kathleen Terry, parent representative; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Lee Harder, teacher representative; and Hazel Hardaker, community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank CSS/SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives. We have reached several of our goals outlined in the CSS/SRE School Improvement Plan and look forward to continued success into the future.

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report

In 2008, Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can be successful and be deserving of recognition for their special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated learning strategies, and with the support from family, the CHCS dedicated staff strived to educate every child to be academically successful, socially responsible, and a life-long learner.

During the fall of 2008, CHCS welcomed new talented educators to the existing faculty and staff. New staff members, including those hired as the results of a retirement were: Cali Madden, grade six special education teacher; Laura Anderman, grade five special education teacher, Kyle Koob, grade six special education teacher; and Karen Ferola, grade six special education teacher.

Much of the faculty's time and energy continued to be focused on implementing improved instructional practices. After working closely with the Swift River Elementary School faculty to research various reading texts for adoption, the MacMillian/McGraw "Treasures" (K-6) series was chosen and purchased. CHCS staff participated in many professional development activities focusing on the implementation of the reading program, sample vocabulary lessons, assessments, and effective planning. Implementation of the "Everyday Math Program" continued across all grade levels at CHCS with thirty minutes added for focusing solely on mathematical computation/problem solving skills.

Co-taught inclusion classrooms continue to be a vital necessity in effectively meeting the needs and special needs of all students in the classroom. Each inclusion classroom was assigned two teachers, one regular education and one special education, who planned strategies and specially-designed instruction to meet the needs of all their students. Special education teachers in grade four also received specialized training on reading strategies from the "Learning Styles" program.

CHCS continued to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn about the value of saving money.

In the spring of 2008, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards was held at the Log Cabin where Carol Mae Wagner, grade four teacher was recognized as an award recipient. Carol recently retired from the Belchertown Public Schools after 38 eight years of exemplary service. In addition, we also said goodbye to Kathlyn Oparowski after 39 years of educating students in the Belchertown Public Schools. Thank you Kathy and Carol for your hard work, dedication and commitment.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2008 year were the efforts and contributions gained from the Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Volunteer Program at all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students participated in productions and field trips, such as "The Wizard of Oz", "The Improbable History of the Iliad and the Odyssey", "Christmas Carol", "School House Rock", various holiday concerts, the Veterans' Day program, DARE graduation, the "Food Play", Arbor Day activities, Nature's Classroom, Famous Americans, multi-band field trips, and the Mock Election.

All accomplishments of CHCS were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped to make 2008 an exceptional year!

Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report

To prepare students for the challenges of high school and to successfully transition students in from the intermediate school, a team-teaching model to foster a student-centered educational environment continued at JBMS during 2008. The success of this model, coupled with support from our faculty, students, parents, and the community, provided another successful year at the middle school level.

Jabish Brook Middle School's annual events included the following: the National Geographic Geography Bee in January; Career Day activities and high school information sessions in February; "March Madness" spirit week and the winter concert performed by the JBMS band in March; our first drama musical "Pom-Pom Zombies" in May; and of course MCAS testing. The end of the year was marked with our annual class trips to Lake Compounce and High Meadows, as well as our eighth grade celebration and Aloha dance held at BHS to symbolize our students' transition to the high school. Though June is the end of the school year for our students, we prepared our incoming sixth grade students by inviting them for a tour of our building, referred to as our "Step-Up" day. This was followed by a student orientation session held in August.

In September, all seventh graders were offered a two-week study skills session to provide students time to transition to the academic rigors of the middle school level. September also brought on our continued participation in the JBMS booth at the Belchertown Fair, supported by the faculty, staff, and students of the JBMS Student Council and the JBMS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). October offered our first

"Spirit Week" activities for the school year, including a student/faculty volleyball tournament, participation in Red Ribbon drug awareness activities, and our first school dance for all middle school students. Over 350 students were in attendance at our first dance, and chaperones include faulty, staff, as well as parents from the PTO.

MCAS testing results received in late October indicated that JBMS students compared favorably with students throughout the state. November and December provided an opportunity for middle school students to be involved in community activities, including support for local food, clothing, and toy drives, as well as our JBMS band concert. Students presented our first choral concert, now an elective course offered at the middle school level.

The JBMS after school program continued providing enrichment activities to our students through 2008. Financial resources from outside the school budget were found to support this valuable program. The after school program continued to provide such activities as jewelry-making, MCAS remediation, homework club, unicycle, dramatic arts, scrap-booking, and knitting. Attendance rates showed that the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS continued to provide interesting and productive activities for our students. The enrollment in these activities was the highest ever, with nearly 220 students or 50 % of our school's student population participating in at least one activity sometime during the school year.

The schedule design within the JBMS master schedule continued to provide both enrichment and remediation opportunities for students during the school day. Foreign language had been expanded to provide a full year language course for eighth grade students in preparation of high school requirements. Co-teaching classrooms continued at JBMS and were aligned with the expanded special education continuum of services model, and self-contained programming was expanded to include behavioral intervention for students in need of such support services.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents, and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO and JBMS School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. It was through the cooperative effort of the school community that JBMS was able to continue to be a successful and productive learning environment.

High School (BHS) Principal's Report

2008 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. BHS students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits and Belchertown High School students and faculty continued to bring great pride to the school community.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Ashlie Williams as the award recipient for 2008. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Ashlie, her parents, and other western Massachusetts recipients.

In April, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) sent a team of fifteen educators to Belchertown High School for our ten-year accreditation visit. During the four days, the visiting team's prime concern was to assess the quality of the educational program at the high school in terms of the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. These standards include Mission and Expectations for Student Learning, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment of Student Learning, Leadership and Organization, School Resources for Learning, and Community Resources for Learning. During the team's four day visit, they reviewed our self-study materials, shadowed fifteen students for 22.5 hours, observed classes for twenty hours, conducted informal observations in and around the school, toured the facility, interviewed thirty teachers about their work, instructional approaches, and assessment of student learning, conducted group meetings with students, parents, school and district administrators, and teachers, and examined student work. The visiting team was very impressed with the teaching and learning that they observed at Belchertown High School. A special thank you to Mr. Stanley Beretsky and Mr. Stephen Vigneux for co-chairing this visit. Thanks also to members of the Steering Committee: Mrs. Judy Bettencourt, Mrs. Ginny Bilz, Mr. Robert Hansbury, Mrs. Christine Holesovsky, Mr. David Monroe, Ms. Paula Pagos, and Ms. Lori Vaz. Also, special thanks to the committee chairs on their efforts: Mr. TJ Howell, Mr. Greg Reynolds, Mr. Greg Runyan, Mrs. Debra Davidsohn, Ms. Kathy Roach, Mr. Jason Woodcock, Mr. Michael Cowles, and Mr. Peter Lantaigne.

The success of the NEAS&C visit would not have been possible without the assistance of our teachers, students, and parents. In the words of the visiting team chairperson, "Through the leadership of teachers, administrators, and other members of the school community, Belchertown High School has established a vital learning community that is defined by its proud, respectful, and welcoming school climate".

In May, Mrs. Deborah Nacewicz was awarded the Harold Grinspoon Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Mrs. Nacewicz was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as a physics teacher and her work with students both in and out of the classroom.

On Saturday, June 7th, the Class of 2008 graduated from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mrs. Deborah Nacewicz delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Mr. Luke Menard, president of the class, Ms. Sylvia Forrest, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Ashlie Williams, salutatorian of the class. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2008. Over $100,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2008, Belchertown High School also said goodbye to Mrs. Laurel Glocheski, who retired after several years of service. She gave so much to the Belchertown High School community and we thank her for being an excellent educator who was committed to her profession.

On Wednesday, August 27th, 760 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new teachers: Ms. Jessica Bourbeau, English; Mr. Kevin Holland, mathematics; Ms. Robyn Spain, foreign language; Mrs. Elizabeth Teixeira, art education; Mrs. Susan Comstock, vocal music and drama; and Mrs. Lyndsay Boysen; instrumental music.

On October 10th, a spirit assembly was held in the gymnasium. The Belchertown High School marching band opened the assembly with the playing of the National Anthem. Spirit and enthusiasm filled the gym. Recognition was given to several different individuals and groups during the assembly. All new faculty, staff, and students were recognized. The Class of 2010 was recognized for their outstanding achievement on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The winter, spring, and fall athletic teams were recognized for their success. Friendly competitions between classes took place. Holding a spirit assembly so early in the school year helped to create a positive climate in the building.

In November, our fall athletes enjoyed post-season play. Taylor Lewis, Madison Granger, and Savannah Bernardin qualified as state finalists for the Girls' cross country team.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Former Assistant Principal, Daniel Bergeron, spoke to the students and staff about what Veterans' Day means to him. His comments were very moving and inspiring to all of us in attendance.

Also in November, BHS received word from the New England Association of School's and Colleges that, based on the evaluation report from the committee that visited in April, tour school's accreditation was continued. NEAS&C was impressed with many of the programs and services that we provide to our students. We were commended for our positive, safe, and respectful environment, the dedicated use of the mission statement to guide the procedures, policies, and decisions of the school, the meaningful roles accorded to students, parents, and members of the school community in the school's decision-making process, the use of instructional practices that personalize instruction, engage students as active and self directed learners, and involve students in higher order thinking skills, and the pride, spirit, and positive climate that permeates the high school.

In December, 43 members of the Class of 2009 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding achievement.

Belchertown High School is proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished throughout the 2008 year. The Belchertown High School community is a very special place filled with very caring individuals. As confirmed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. It is a great place to both teach and learn!

Skate Park Committee

Closed since June, the Skate Park reopened in late September 2008. The Board of Selectmen closed the Park because the ramps used by skaters and bikers for trick riding fell into disrepair. Several members of the Skate Park Committee had resigned, leaving the Committee without a quorum and the ability to spend the approximately $1,400 available for the Park. Christine Shaw, David Belknap and other residents presented the Selectmen with a plan to reopen the park and generated a great deal of enthusiasm which ultimately led to the creation of a new committee.

The Skate Park Committee will meet monthly during the riding season and inspect the condition of ramps. Weekly visits by committee members will address litter. To help the Committee continue in coming years, members will be responsible for finding a replacement for themselves if they want to resign. If unable to find a replacement, the Chairman of the Committee will be notified and will arrange for advertising on the Town's cable access channel.

The Skate Park Committee is made up by the following individuals: Bradford Rose, Chairman; Christine Shaw, Vice-Chairwoman; David Belknap; Laura Tan; Nancy Voyer as well as many associate members.

The Park was repaired through a volunteer effort by the committee members and local youth. All materials were donated by committee members and local businesses. The Committee looks forward to further improvements in the spring of 2009, especially replacement of ramp surfaces and expansion of trick riding structures focused towards beginning riders.

The Skate Park Committee would like to thank the Selectmen, Building Inspector, Department of Public Works, Belchertown Public Safety Departments (Fire, Police, EMS), and Town Administrator Gary Brougham, and Ace Hardware/Lumber.

Prepared and submitted by,

Brad Rose, Chairman
Skate Park Committee

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

The Committee focused on the follow up to the contract with Charter Communications, which was signed November 2007. The Committee took a well-deserved respite from the weekly (and sometimes bi-weekly) meetings. Our attention will turn to broader technology issues for the Town in the upcoming year.

Membership: The makeup of the Committee stands as follows, with Kristopher Pacunas withdrawing his position.

Lew Louraine
Christofer deHahn
Paul Nelson
James Burke
Joe Gohra
Frank Lomanno

We would like to thank Kris for his contribution to the Committee during our demanding re-negation process with Charter.

The membership is now at one less than full complement and we hope to fill that position this year. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included:

- Frank Lomanno – Chair
- Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations
- Christofer deHahn – Secretary

Liaisons: The liaison member between the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen is again Ron Aponte. We are pleased to have Ron as a liaison to the Committee, given his prior tenure with the Committee and the familiarity with the issues.

Meetings: Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address: Our Committee's email address is telecom@belchertown.org. This serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Web Site: Along with up-to-date news, the site contains the membership, Mission Statement, the Annual Report and other related links and contacts. The page can be accessed through the Belchertown home page: http://belchertown.org/ or directly at: http://belchertown.org/committees/telecom/index.htm

Charter Contract Renewal: The initial terms of the contract are given below.

- The Town will receive over $375,000 over the life of the license.
- License term is for five years. Many existing and new contract are for ten years. However, with pending cable legislation in Federal and State Government, the Committee believed five years gave us the necessary time to react to any new legislation. We also felt that technology changing so rapidly that a ten-year license could be seriously outdated and constrain the Town by the expiration date.
- Service Area for new cable service is now 15 houses per aerial mile with a formula for areas of town with less density. This is in contrast to our existing contract of 20 houses per mile.
- Future Technology clause. On the 2nd and 4th anniversary date of this license, the Selectmen can request a meeting with Charter to discuss new technology and include items into our contract.
- A $150K capital grant and a yearly subsidy of $45K, which increases 3% per annum over the life of the contract.
- Citizen discount, which is not just a senior citizen discount, but extended to all town citizens who meet the eligibility requirements, as stated in the contract.
- Free hookup for both aerial and underground (which was not included in the existing contract) for 250 feet from trunk service.
- Increased umbrella liability from initial offer of $1M per occurrence to $3M per occurrence.
- Increased performance bond from initial offer of $25 per occurrence to $40K per occurrence.
- Included that Charter must meet FCC signal standards throughout the Belchertown System.
- Continued the Town Franchise Fee of $.50/subscriber for the life of the license.
- Included a penalty fee for any Charter late payments to the town.

We received the Charter Grant Money ($150K) in March of 2008. This was disbursed to BCTV and the Town's IT department. BCTV used the capital grant to buy and upgrade BCTV facilities. They have completely rewired the station and the Selectmen's Meeting Room, and making it an all-digital facility. Further improvement will take place as the annual $45K arrives each year.

Other: We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for their assistance in maintaining our email and Web site for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel.

Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications & Energy
Consumer Division - One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Phone: (617) 305-3531 or
1-800-392-6066;

Email:Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Lomanno, Chairman
Telecommunications Advisory
Committee

Town Government Study Committee

The Town Government Study Committee typically met twice a month, and the accomplishments of 2008 include the following:

- Laid the groundwork for, and began the process for upcoming survey and employee interviews.
- Kept the public informed of our progress by writing newspaper articles on a regular basis.
- Created a power point presentation and began the process of meeting with civic organizations.
- Met with Professor Michael Hannahan for direction and planning for designing a formal statistically significant survey for residents of Belchertown.
- Continued to develop the web site to include minutes of our meetings, and designed a questionnaire for residents to complete on line.
- Completed a Welcome Flier, an introductory flier regarding Open Town Meeting. This was designed as an educational piece for new residents, to be given with Welcome Wagon information, and to be distributed throughout town.
- Suggested that the date of the Annual Town Meeting be posted the opening page of the Belchertown.org web site.
- Met with and reported to the Board of Selectmen regarding approach, activities progress, and possible timeline for completion of Committee's task.
- Designed and received approval for Employee Questionnaire.
- Began employee/committee member interviews.

Two members, who had conflicts that prevented them from participating as fully as they felt necessary, resigned; another member was ill for several months and was not able to attend meetings. This made it difficult to hold official meetings because we did not always have a quorum. In spite of the challenges of having fewer members, the Committee had a very productive year. The Committee has been able to accomplish the above with no financial resources or direct cost to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Freeman, M.Ed., M.A. - Chairperson
Town Government Study Committee

Veterans' Graves Officer

For the year 2008, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 and the assistance recruited by Mr. Poulin from the Belchertown High School girl's softball team (Ali Weigel, Emily Thornton, Sara Mackiewicz, Alexis Stockwell and Britany Footit) for their flagging assistance as well as Local VFW Post 8428 help.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used to have a New England split rail locust fence installed at Hillcrest Cemetery.

The project was completed in October of 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

In February 2008, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the charge for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. The Board's initial goals were to identify veterans' needs or concerns, to develop effective ways to inform local veterans of available State and/or Federal programs, and to assist in the planning of veteran ceremonies.

Over the course of several meetings, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen resolved the Town of Belchertown's "Criteria for Lowering the Flag" to follow the Flag Code of the United States.

I wish to thank the veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2008 saw many positive changes that were implemented for our town veterans. Our town veterans have in place a Veterans' Services Advisory Board, giving them a voice for concerns that they would like addressed. The Middle East War Memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day to honor Belchertown residents who have served and those who have yet to serve in the Middle East. Also, in conjunction with Quabbin Mediation, free mediation services are available for Belchertown veterans.

Future plans for 2009 would include public programs for getting the word out on State and Federal veterans' programs. My office will continue to work with various Belchertown residents and organizations supporting our soldiers and their families too.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

War Memorial Committee

This Year saw the addition to the common of the South West Asia Memorial to honor those soldiers who served in combat zones in this region. It was dedicated on Veterans Day by the VFW during the annual service. This monument was sponsored by the VFW and paid for by donations from the public and installed on the common with the assistance of the DPW.

Also this year saw a change in membership that has brought new ideas and perspectives to the Committee. This coming year will be very busy as the Committee formulates a long-term plan for the care, preservation and policies regarding the Town's war memorials.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Knight, Chairman
War Memorial Committee

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals received six applications for the year 2008 – one variance was granted; two special permits were granted; two special permits were withdrawn by applicants; and, one special permit was continued.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zoning Board of Appeals
Gregory Galanek, Chairman
Richard Barry, Vice Chairman
Raymond Goff
Bernadette Harrigan, Associate Member
Dave Lucey, Associate Member
Robert Hislop, Associate Member

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held January 14, 2008 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:35PM
Registered voters present – 143 (Quorum required 75)
The clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to appropriate $455,000.00 to pay costs of acquiring all or a portion of the property described below by purchase, gift or any other lawful means; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; to authorize the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed of a fee simple interest to the Town of Belchertown, of all or a portion of the parcels of land described below, formerly owned by Trexlar Topping, individually and as the Trustee of the Estate of John C. Topping, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Books 1032 & 1019, Pages 253 & 492, Probate Docket. No. 94P0066E1, upon such terms and conditions as the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and that said parcel be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to conservation to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Belchertown; to authorize the Conservation Commission to submit, on behalf of the Town, any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, section 11) and/or any other state and/or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisition and to receive and accept such grants or reimbursement for this purpose, and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to affect said purchase. Said parcels of land are described as follows:

The parcels of land situated on the easterly side of Warren Wright Rd., Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts and situated on the northern side of Orchard St., Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and shown as Map 217, Parcels #66.00 & #67.00 on the Town of Belchertown's assessors maps, dated 1/1/2007, and further described in deeds recorded with said deeds: Book 1032, page 253 and Book 1019, page 492, containing a total of approximately 57 acres. Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes.

(Vote – 2/3/ Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $200,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes.

(Vote – 2/3quired – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $50,000.00 to replace the HVAC controls at Town Hall. Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-1-0 Yes.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $40,000.00 to the School Department's #2000 Account for upgrading the technology infrastructure at Belchertown High School. Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by deleting from Chapter 129, Vehicles and Traffic, §129-3. No-parking areas the following: B. No person shall park a motor vehicle on the westerly side of North Main Street from the intersection of Jackson Street and North Main Street for a distance northerly of 500 feet.

After much discussion on this Article the vote was taken.

(Vote – 74 Yes / 44 No – Article Passed)

Article 6 Voted to transfer the sum of $18,000.00 from the Firefighters Wage Account into a Firefighters Uniform Account. Endorsed by the Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to transfer the total sum of $365.83 from the EMS Expense Account to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year:

- Medtronic Emergency Response Systems: $180.00
- Mary Lane Hospital: $185.83

Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes.

(Vote – 9/10 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Vote to amend the Belchertown Code, as previously amended, Section 145-11 of the Zoning By-Law, Schedule of Use Regulations, by deleting items 15, 15.1, 16, and 17 under "Business Uses" in their entirety and replacing them with new items 15, 16, 17, and 17.1, to read as follows:

Zone District	**VR**	**AG-B**	**LR**	**MDR**	**AG-A**	**B-2**	**B-1**	**I**	**MHP**	**LI**
15. Office, retail, restaurant[13] complex with studios and residential apartments with less than 2500 sq. ft. of floor space.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	PA
16. Same as #15, but with[13] floor space between 2500 and 5000 sq. ft.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	PA	N	N	PA
17. Same as #15, but with[13] **floor space between 5,000 and 20,000 sq. ft.**	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/P PA	N	N	PA
17.1 Same as #15, but with floor[13] space greater than 20,000 sq. ft.	N	N	N	N	N	SP/P PA	SP/P PA	N	N	PA

NOTE: This action would correct a typographical error in the current published Zoning By-Law. Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes.

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding to §145-2, Definitions, the following:

STORY: Refer to 780 CMR 502.0 DEFINITIONS (of the Massachusetts Building Code)
Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes.
(Vote – 2/3/ Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by amending §145-16, Dimensional Regulations, by changing the column Maximum Building Height (stories) from 2½ to 2 in all zones except B2, LI and I, and from 2½ to 3 in B2, with LI and I to remain at 3. Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes
(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $8,000.00 to complete the connector between the Senior Center and the Freedom Center.
Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes.
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to replace the non-functioning air handler in the MIS Office at Tadgell School Building.
Not endorsed by the Finance Committee 2-3-0 No.
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JANUARY 14, 2008
FY08

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	$455,000.00			$455,000.00 to purchase Topping Farm
2	200,000.00	$200,000.00 to Stabilization Fund		
3	50,000.00	50,000.00 to replace the HVAC controls in Town Hall		
4	40,000.00	40,000.00 to School Dept. #2000 account for upgrading the technology infrastructure at BHS		
5	None			
6	18,000.00		$18,000.00, transfer from the Firefighters Wage Account into a Firefighters Uniform Account.	
7	365.83		365.83, transfer from the EMS Expense Account for payment of prior year unpaid bills.	
8-10	None			
11	8,000.00	8,000.00 to complete the connector between the Senior Center and the Freedom Center.		
12	10,000.00	10,000.00 to replace non-functioning air handler in the MIS Office at Tadgell School Building.		
TOTAL	**$781,365.83**	**$308,000.00**	**$18,365.83**	**$455,000.00**

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 12, 2008 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium

FY08
Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:07PM
Registered voters present – 185 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to approve an amendment of the limits, as voted at the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, of the following Revolving Funds:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Current Spending Limit	New Spending Limit
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	$5,000.00	$15,000.00
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	$16,000.00	$25,000.00
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	$15,000.00	$25,000.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer sums of money, as outlined below, for FY08:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Highway Uniform Account	$1,000.00	Election & Registration Wage
Injured on Duty Account	$5,000.00	Law Account
Interest Account	$5,000.00	Law Account
Life Insurance Town Share	$1,300.00	Lawrence Memorial Hall Acct.
General Insurance	$50,000.00	Police Wage
Town Accountant Expense	$6,700.00	Police Wage
Assessors' Wage	$14,400.00	EMS Wage
Maintenance Wage	$17,700.00	EMS Wage
Unemployment	$6,000.00	Senior Center Building
Unclassified	$3,000.00	Town Garage
Everett Avenue Building	$4,000.00	Highway Wage
Teen Center Wage	$1,500.00	Highway Wage
Old Town Hall	$1,500.00	Highway Wage
Recreation Building	$1,000.00	Highway Wage
EMS Building	$950.00	Streets Construction
Veterans' Agent Salary	$1,500.00	Veterans' Benefits
Workers' Compensation	$7,500.00	Retirement of Debt
Free Cash	$10,834.00	Retirement of Debt
Free Cash	$203,009.00	Snow Removal
Sewer Expense	$1,507.00	Sewer Interest
Sewer Debt	$1,904.00	Sewer Interest

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to reserve from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee in fiscal year 2007, with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- To reserve $28,844.00 for FY 2007 from Community Preservation Fund Balance for Open Space.
- To reserve $28,844.00 for FY 2007 from Community Preservation Fund Balance for Historic Resources.
- To reserve $28,844.00 for FY 2007 from Community Preservation Fund Balance for Community Housing.
  (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)
  (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance $116,800.00 and appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve $28,800.00 for the acquisition of the parcel of land as described, now or formerly owned by Trexler Topping, individually and as the Trustee of the Estate of John C. Topping, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Books 1032 & 1019, Pages 253 & 492, Probate Docket No. 94P0066E1, which acquisition was previously authorized under Article 1 of the January 14, 2008, Special Town Meeting; and, further, to reduce by a corresponding amount the unused borrowing authority approved under Article 1 of the January 14, 2008, Special Town Meeting. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $12,000.00 for an engineering report and construction costs for the creation of parking at 5-9 North Main Street. (Not endorsed by Finance Committee 0-5-0 No)

(Vote – Majority No – Did Not Pass)

Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2008

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	None		
2	$345,304.00	$213,843.00 ($10,834 to Retirement of Debt and $203,009 to Snow Removal Accounts)	$1,000 from Highway Uniform Acct to Election & Registration Wage, 5,000 from Injured on Duty Acct to Law Account, 5,000 from Interest Acct to Law Account, 1,300 from Life Insurance Town Share to Lawrence Memorial Hall Acct, 50,000 from General insurance to Police Wage, 6,700 from Town Accountant Expense to Police Wage, 14,400 from Assessors' Wage to EMS Wage, 17,700 from maintenance Wage to EMS Wage, 6,000 from Unemployment to Senior Center Building, 3,000 from Unclassified to Town Garage, 4,000 from Everett Avenue Building to Highway Wage, 1,500 from Teen Center Wage to Highway Wage, 1,500 from Old Town Hall to Highway Wage, 1,000 from Recreation Building to Highway Wage, 950 from EMS Building to Streets Construction, 1,500 from Veterans' Agent Salary to Veterans' Benefits, 7,500 from Workers Compensation to Retirement of Debt, 1,507 from Sewer Expense to Sewer Interest, 1,904 from Sewer Debt to Sewer Interest.
3	86,532.00		28,844 from CPA Fund Balance for CPA Open Space, 28,844 from CPA Fund Balance for CPA Historic Resources, 28,844 from CPA Fund Balance for CPA Community Housing.
4	145,600.00		116,800 from CPA Fund Balance & 28,800 from CPA Open Space Reserve to purchase Trexler Topping property, Book 1032 & 1019, Pages 253 & 492, Probate Docket #: 94P0066E1.
5	None		
TOTAL	**577,436.00**	**213,843.00**	**363,593.00**

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 12, 2008 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium
FY09
Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:30PM
Registered voters present – 185 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
Raymond Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Dorothy Maloney.
Selectmen Alfred Roccanti presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Shirley Slavas.
Selectmen James Barry presented the Employee of the Year Award to Colleen Toothill-Berte.
Selectmen Ronald Aponte presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Lewis and Margaret Louraine.

Article 1 Voted to Elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Eric Bright as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$9.29
Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,526,634.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $12,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,538,634.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,536,203.00 and appropriate the sum of $385,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $2,921,203.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,160,131.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $876,256.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,240,148.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $299,800.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $27,047.00 for a total appropriation of $326,847.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $188,888.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $142,607.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,279,056.00 for a total appropriation of $1,610,551.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $663,079.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $688,604.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $694,153.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,848,844.00 for Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,373.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,718,159.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to reauthorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	$25,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	$25,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	$100,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In Section 4. Classification of Positions and Compensation

Remove Section 4 in its entirety and **Replace** with the following language:

SECTION 4. CLASSIFICATION APPEALS COMMITTEE

There shall be established a Classification Appeals Committee comprised of five members consisting of the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, one member of the Board of Selectmen to be selected by that Board, and two members of the Personnel Board to be selected by that Board. The Classification Appeals Committee shall be appointed as needed by the Board of Selectmen.

All appeals must be submitted in writing on the form approved by the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with the policy, procedures and deadlines established by the Board of Selectmen and currently in effect.

The Committee shall review all properly submitted appeals. The Committee may conduct interviews and hold such hearings as the Committee deems necessary to render a decision on the facts and merits of the appeal. The Committee may recommend an adjustment of classification not to exceed two grade levels.

The Committee will issue to the Board of Selectmen a report of its findings and recommendations. Implementation of the Committee's findings shall be retroactiveto the date the appeal was filed.

The decision of the Classification Appeals Committee shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

In Section 6. Employee Benefits, (5) Insurance, B):
(see motion to amend following Article 19)

Delete $2,000.00 and replace with $5,000.00

In Section 7. Grievance Procedures

Remove Section 7 in its entirety and **Replace** with the following language:

SECTION 7. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A grievance shall be defined as any difference between an employee, a supervisor, or the Personnel Board relating to the interpretation, application, or administration of the By-Law and any questions as to whether the disciplining of an employee is reasonable. Should any employee or group of employees feel aggrieved, adjustment shall be sought as follows:

Step 1: The employee shall take up the grievance or dispute by presenting it in writing to his Department Head or supervising committee/board within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the grievance or his knowledge of its occurrence. The Department Head or supervising committee/board shall respond in writing to the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days.

Step 2: If the grievance or dispute still remains unadjusted, it shall be presented to the Personnel Board in writing within seven (7) calendar days after the Department Head or supervising committee/board response is due. The Personnel Board shall respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the grievance. With the exception of classification of positions, the decision of the Personnel Board shall be final and binding to all parties.

Grievances involving compensation shall be processed beginning with the Personnel Board.

In Section 8. Classification and Compensation:

Remove Section 8 A) through F) and **Replace** with the following language:

A) The classification of positions in the service of the Town, the establishment of a compensation plan, and its periodic updating is the responsibility of the Personnel Board subject to the approval of the Annual Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting. No person shall be employed in a position covered by this By-Law except under the terms set forth in the By-Law.

B) All employees covered by this By-Law shall be employed in positions classified according to the Town's Classification-Compensation Plan (Appendix A). Any employee working a part-time hourly schedule shall be paid at the rate for the classification in which employed, based on the actual hours worked.

C) Part-time employees paid on an annual basis, and certain hourly positions, shall receive the rate of compensation according to the Town's Classification-Compensation Plan (Appendix A).

D) Persons appointed to a position shall be compensated at the minimum rate of compensation assigned to the Classification level to which the position is allocated. Persons may be appointed above the minimum rate with the approval of the Personnel Board.

E) Newly hired full-time and regular part-time employees shall be considered probationary employees during their first six (6) months of continuous employment. A full-time or regular part-time employee retained beyond the probationary period shall be considered a permanent full-time or regular part-time employee. A full-time or regular part-time employee separated during the probationary period may be terminated without cause and without notice and shall not have recourse to the grievance procedure. The Town may extend the probationary period in its sole discretion provided that it shall notify the full-time or regular part-time employee of the reason for the extension of the probationary period and that said extension shall not be for an indefinite period. For the purposes of this paragraph, a regular part-time employee shall be an employee that is regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) or more hours per week.

Part-time employees that are regularly scheduled to work less than twenty (20) hours per week, temporary, casual and seasonal employees are not subject to the probationary period, may be terminated without cause and without notice at any time and shall not have recourse to the grievance procedure, if terminated.

F) All employees are eligible for step increases on their anniversary date. Step increases are based upon satisfactory performance as determined by the Department Head or supervising committee. Step increases are not considered to be automatic or based upon length of service. If an employee did not receive the step increase on his/her first anniversary date, he/she will be eligible for the step increase six (6) months following his/her anniversary date. This six (6) month review will apply for an increase from Step 1 to Step 2. The employee may then move to Step 3 on his/her second anniversary if they are deemed qualified to do so.

G) An employee's initial anniversary date will be determined by their first day of employment in a position.

Employees whose positions have been reclassified with new job titles, but substantially the same responsibility, with no change in grade, shall keep their present anniversary date. Any reclassification with a change in grade will trigger a change in anniversary date.

H) A person in a classified position, on being appointed to a position of higher classification, shall receive a promotional pay increase at least equal to the next higher rate of pay. A person in a classified position, on being assigned to a position of lower classification, shall receive a demotional pay decrease at least equal to the next lower rate of pay.

Employees who are at the top step of their grade and receive a reclassification or promotion to a higher grade shall, at a minimum, receive the difference between step 9 and 10 of their current grade. This difference will then be added to their current salary and they will not receive less than this amount in their new grade.

An employee subject to a change in grade, under any circumstance, shall be placed on the appropriate full step.

I) Annually, the Personnel Board shall review the Town's classification-compensation plan and may recommend to the Annual Town Meeting or to any Special Town Meeting such changes as the Personnel Board deems appropriate for said plan.

And further,

In Section 8. Classification and Compensation – Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

Remove 1) Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

CATEGORY & POSITION	PAY LEVEL OR RANGE
Director of Public Works	$61,675 - $74,009
Fire Chief	$61,675 - $74,009
Director of Emergency Medical Services	$61,675 - $74,009
Director of Computing	$58,681 - $74,009
Library Director	$55,508 - $67,842
Town Planner	$55,508 - $67,842
Police Lieutenant	$54,673 - $68,339
Conservation Administrator	$49,339 - $61,675
Town Treasurer-Collector	$49,339 - $61,675
Town Accountant	$49,339 - $61,675
Building Inspector	$49,339 - $61,675
Director of Assessments	$49,339 - $61,675
Senior Center Director	$43,174 - $55,508
Recreation Director	$43,174 - $55,508
Veterans' Agent	$31,212 - $41,616

In 2) Classified Non-Exempt Employees:

Add the following positions:

- Certified Pool Operator: Grade 4
- Library Department Assistant I: Grade 5
- Program and Volunteer Coordinator: Grade 7
- Supportive Day Care Program Coordinator: Grade 7
- Council on Aging Administrative Assistant: Grade 8
- Recreation Department Administrative Assistant: Grade 8
- Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator: Grade 8
- Maintenance Division Working Foreman: Grade 9
- Public Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Grade 10

Remove the following positions:

- Activities Coordinator: Grade 5
- Social Day Care Program Coordinator: Grade 6
- Director of Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic): Grade 9
- Working Supervisor of Public Buildings: Grade 9
- Working Supervisor of Public Grounds: Grade 9

Change the following positions:

- Title of Social Day Care Program Assistant to Supportive Day Program Assistant
- Title of Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer to Animal Control Officer
- Grade of Transfer Station Supervisor from Grade 5 to Grade 7
- Grade of Council on Aging Receptionist/Dispatch Supervisor from Grade 3 to Grade 5
- Grade of Highway Working Foreman from Grade 8 to Grade 9
- Grade of WWTP Operator II from Grade 8 to Grade 9
- Grade of Highway Division Supervisor from Grade 9 to Grade 10

In 4) Part-time Hourly Schedule:

- **Change Range:** Secretary/Assistant to Zoning Board of Appeals: $10.25-$14.60
- **Remove**: Call EMTs (Paramedic, Intermediate, and Basic) and ranges respectively.
- **Remove**: Dog Officer: $4,900, plus $25 per action
- **Remove:** Assistant Dog Officer/Assistant Animal Control Officer: $3,600, plus $25 per action
- **Add:** Assistant Animal Control Officer: $3,600, plus $25 per action
- **Add:** Part-Time EMT – Paramedic:
  - July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008: $17.71 - $25.19
  - January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009: $18.06 - $25.69
- **Add:** Part-Time EMT – Intermediate:
  - July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008: $15.32 - $21.82
  - January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009: $15.63 - $22.26
- **Add**: Part-Time EMT – Basic:
  - July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008: $13.94 - $19.84
  - January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009: $14.22 - $20.24

Under Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:
Remove compensation chart and **replace** with the following charts:

Effective July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$8.72	$9.08	$9.42	$9.81	$10.21	$10.63	$11.03	$11.46	$11.95	$12.42
2	$10.46	$10.89	$11.33	$11.77	$12.24	$12.74	$13.24	$13.75	$14.35	$14.89
3	$11.51	$11.99	$12.45	$12.95	$13.46	$14.04	$14.58	$15.17	$15.76	$16.38
4	$12.64	$13.18	$13.69	$14.23	$14.81	$15.40	$16.04	$16.68	$17.33	$18.03
5	$13.94	$14.49	$15.06	$15.69	$16.30	$16.93	$17.65	$18.32	$19.06	$19.84
6	$15.32	$15.92	$16.59	$17.23	$17.91	$18.66	$19.39	$20.17	$20.98	$21.82
7	$16.86	$17.53	$18.24	$18.96	$19.73	$20.50	$21.32	$22.19	$23.07	$23.98
8	$17.71	$18.39	$19.14	$19.91	$20.71	$21.53	$22.40	$23.29	$24.23	$25.19
9	$18.58	$19.33	$20.09	$20.92	$21.73	$22.61	$23.51	$24.47	$25.44	$26.47
10	$19.50	$20.31	$21.10	$21.97	$22.82	$23.74	$24.68	$25.68	$26.69	$27.77

Effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$8.89	$9.26	$9.61	$10.01	$10.41	$10.84	$11.25	$11.69	$12.19	$12.67
2	$10.67	$11.11	$11.56	$12.01	$12.48	$12.99	$13.50	$14.03	$14.64	$15.19
3	$11.74	$12.23	$12.70	$13.21	$13.73	$14.32	$14.87	$15.47	$16.08	$16.71
4	$12.89	$13.44	$13.96	$14.51	$15.11	$15.71	$16.36	$17.01	$17.68	$18.39
5	$14.22	$14.78	$15.36	$16.00	$16.63	$17.27	$18.00	$18.69	$19.44	$20.24
6	$15.63	$16.24	$16.92	$17.57	$18.27	$19.03	$19.78	$20.57	$21.40	$22.26
7	$17.20	$17.88	$18.60	$19.34	$20.12	$20.91	$21.75	$22.63	$23.53	$24.46
8	$18.06	$18.76	$19.52	$20.31	$21.12	$21.96	$22.85	$23.76	$24.71	$25.69
9	$18.95	$19.72	$20.49	$21.34	$22.16	$23.06	$23.98	$24.96	$25.95	$27.00
10	$19.89	$20.72	$21.52	$22.41	$23.28	$24.21	$25.17	$26.19	$27.22	$28.33

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to allow the School Committee to enter into school bus transportation contracts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 30B, Section 12(b).

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell any properties heretofore and hereafter acquired by the Town through a deed in lieu of foreclosure under the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C by auction pursuant to G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to amend the personal property value to $3,000.00 pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 15 Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Mass. General Laws as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land between State Street and Jackson Street (Map 243, Parcels 178.10, 178.11, 178.12, 178.13, 178.14 and the portion of Map 243 Lot 178 that is zoned Light Industrial) as a Priority Development Site.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by **deleting:**

AGRICULTURE:

A. Raising animals, including but not limited to dairy cattle, beef cattle, poultry, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, mules, goats, bees and fur bearing animals, for the purpose of selling such animals in the regular course of business or for sale of animal products (e.g., wool, eggs, honey and dairy products);

B. Raising fruits, vegetables, berries, nuts and other food for human consumption or for sale of products derived from them (e.g., syrup, wine, wood and wood products), feed for animals, tobacco, flowers, sod, trees, nursery or greenhouse products and ornamental plants and shrubs for the purpose of selling such products in the regular course of business; and

C. A customary use in raising such animals and products and preparing them or the products derived there from for market.

and by **adding** to §145-2, Definitions, the following:

AGRICULTURE – This definition reads as given in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 128, Section 1A, and is subject to any further amendments thereto as may be enacted.

AGRITOURISM – Refers to a supplemental enterprise at a working farm conducted for the enjoyment or education of visitors that generates income for the owner. The owner/operator must be engaged in Agriculture, as defined under this Section. This supplemental activity is not considered under other uses for the purposes of 145-11, Schedule of Uses, with the exception that it is subordinate to Open/General Uses 2. (Agriculture on parcels less than five acres). Agritourism uses include, but are not limited to: farm stores, roadside stands, pick your own, wineries, on-farm food sales, agricultural processing demonstrations, farm workshops, educational activities, farm tours, agricultural festivals, on-farm theme playgrounds, on-farm fee fishing and hunting, farm vacations, gift shops, horseback riding/trail rides, cross-country trails, hayrides, mazes, crop art, on-farm picnic grounds, farm animal exhibits, bird/wildlife watching and nature based attractions. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, as previously amended, by amending Open/General Uses, Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 9 and by adding new Item 15 as noted in **bold text** below. Also to delete footnote 5 and replace it with new footnote 5, which reads "Except insofar as such activities may be exempt under G.L. c. 40A, §3." (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

See below for Scheduled of Use Regulations

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
OPEN/GENERAL USES										
1. Agricultural, as defined in §145-2 uses on parcels of land with 5 acres or more	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Agricultural, as defined in §145-2 uses on parcels of land with 5 acres or less in area	SP/Z	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	Y	SP/Z	N	N	N	N
a. Commercial livestock, dairy or poultry farm	N	SP/Z	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
b. Roadside farm stand	SP/Z	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
c. Smokehouse, sugarhouse	N	SP/Z	N	N	Y ~~SP/Z~~	SP/Z	SP/Z	PA ~~N~~	N	PA ~~N~~
d. Commercial greenhouse	N	SP/Z	N	N	Y ~~SP/Z~~	Y	Y	PA ~~N~~	N	PA ~~N~~
e. Commercial boarding stables or riding academy	N	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	N	N	N
3. Forestry, wood harvesting, tree farm or nursery	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Conversion of native logs produced on site, using either:										
Permanent sawmills; or	PA[6]	PA[6]	PA[6]	PA[6]	PA	PA SP/Z[7]	PA[6]	PA SP/Z[7]	PA[6]	PA SP/Z[7]
Portable sawmills	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Reservation, wildlife preserve or other conservation use	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6. Non-commercial country club, organized camping grounds	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	N	N	N
7. Commercial camping, hunting or sport fishing grounds or ponds	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	N	N	N
8. Commercial outdoor recreation and motorized recreation including, but not limited to: ski grounds, golf course, driving range, motocross course, snowmobile course, go-kart track, race track, and other outdoor entertainment requiring outdoor areas and parking. (for Agritourism, see 15)	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	N	N	N
9. Outdoor sales area with stalls, booths, and parking, such as flea market and antique fair.	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	N	N	N
10. Loam removal for commercial purposes	N	N	N	N	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	N	SP/P
11. Removal of gravel and other extractive operations	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P
12. Removing and processing gravel and other extractive operations	N	N	N	N	SP/P	N	N	SP/P	N	N
13. Commercial or private aviation landing strip or heli-port	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	N	SP/Z
14. Accessory uses or activities in connection with scientific research, scientific development or related production activities permitted as of right	N	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	SP/Z	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	SP/Z
15. Agritourism, as defined in §145-2	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N

Article 18 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown §145-21, Fences; swimming pools, as previously amended, by adding **Item F. Livestock fencing is addressed in §145-24**; then by adding to §145-24 A. (3), sub-items (a) and (b) to read: **(a) Animal fencing must not obstruct the view of traffic per §145-21A. (b) Animal fencing does not need to meet §145-21B if it is installed for domestic livestock.** (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3/ Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, §145-24 Breeding, raising or keeping of animals, as previously amended, by adding in the preamble:

Furbearing animals are defined as animals raised to be killed for their pelts, such as mink or sable.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – 98-Yes; 26-No - Article Passed)

A motion was made to reconsider the vote on Article 11.

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the manner outlined in Article 11 of this Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with the following change: on page 4 of the warrant, change the reference to "Section 6, Employee Benefits, 5 Insurance B)" to read "Section 6, Employee Benefits, 4 Insurance B."

(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to accept Article 11 as amended.

(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Article XI, Open Space Community Development, as previously amended by replacing it in its entirety with the following:

ARTICLE XI
Open Space Community Development

Section 145-51. Development method; where permitted.

A. Open space community developments are allowed by right as a type of subdivision in designated zones. To ensure development that is compatible with the purposes and intent of this chapter, this development method must conform to the standards and comply with all appropriate criteria described in this article.

B. This development method applies only to residential development and shall be allowed as of right, but only in the Agricultural-A, Agricultural-B, and Village Residential zones.

C. The development allowed under this article shall conform to Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown.

Section 145-52. Purpose.

A. The objectives of the open space community development (OSCD) are:

(1) To set aside and preserve large tracts of land as open space as specified in this section and §145-55 and §145-56 of this article.

(2) To allow the relatively intensive use of land in an alternative pattern of development while maintaining existing character and by which the benefits and objectives described in Subsection B are likely to be attained.
(3) To provide a variety of housing opportunities for Belchertown residents of all income levels and social groups; specifically, to provide opportunities for smaller households, older residents, and first-time owners.
(4) To provide for such housing in ways that are most fiscally beneficial to the town's municipal operations.
(5) To maintain and preserve a landscape that is biologically diverse and ecologically stable through creating and/or maintaining wildlife corridors and critical habitat.

B. Advantages of OSCD subdivisions:

(1) Provision of a diversity of housing stock in Belchertown.
(2) Economical and efficient street, utility and public facility installation, construction, and maintenance through creative design.
(3) Development that will permit the town to continue to provide the quality of municipal service without imposing an increased burden on the citizens of Belchertown.
(4) Efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features.
(5) Preservation of water bodies and supplies, wetlands, woodlands, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, sites and structures of historical importance, and areas of scenic beauty.
(6) Preservation of open spaces for active and passive recreational use, including the provision of neighborhood parks and playgrounds.
(7) Preservation of productive farmland and woodland.
(8) Preservation of open space areas for agricultural, forest management, and active and passive recreational use.
(9) Preservation of habitat for plant and animal species.

Section 145-53. Definitions.

Refer to § 145-2 of this chapter; also:

OPEN SPACE - Property within a subdivision designated to be deeded by the developer to the town or other approved organization, or to be maintained by the developer or owner in an undeveloped state in a manner approved by the Planning Board. Such open space is to be used for passive or active recreation, agriculture, forestry, preservation of ecologically significant landscapes, wildlife habitat, natural or scenic vistas, unique natural or cultural features, or greenways. Such open space shall be retained in substantially a natural, wild or open condition, or in a landscaped condition in such a manner as to allow to a significant extent the preservation of wildlife or other natural resources. Open space shall not include areas designated for sediment control, erosion control, or storm water control; such areas are considered part of the subdivision infrastructure, and are not intended for recreation, agriculture, or forestry. Open space shall include no more than fifteen (15) percent of wetlands, surface waters, flood plains, or areas with unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent provided, however, that the Planning Board may allow the applicant to include a greater percentage of wetlands, surface waters, flood plains, or areas with unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent in such open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes of this bylaw.

YIELD PLAN - A conceptual plan showing how the parcel could be subdivided in a conventional manner. Determination of the possible number of conventional lots shall be determined by Title V regulations, 310 CMR 15.000, as well as the Belchertown Board of Health regulations. For purposes of determining the number of OSCD dwelling units, each conceptual conventional lot must meet the requirements of a buildable lot for a single family, or two-family, dwelling unit as defined in the zoning district in which the OSCD is located and meet all other applicable requirements of the Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Regulations. In no case shall the number of OSCD dwelling units exceed the number of units that would be allowed under a conventional subdivision.

CHAPTER 270 SUBDIVISION OF LAND - The rules and regulations adopted by the Planning Board under G. L. c. 41, §81 Q as of May 20, 2001, or as may have been amended or adopted as of the date of the submission of the application for OSCD definitive subdivision approval.

Section 145-54. OSCD development.

A. Permitted uses and standards.

(1) A detached single-unit dwelling, an attached single-unit dwelling, or a detached double-unit dwelling, any with an accessory building, may be constructed on certain lots in an OSCD development although such lots have less area; frontage and front, rear and side yard dimensions than required for standard single- and double-unit lots.

(2) The open space community development dimensional standards as specified in §145-55 of this chapter shall be met.

(3) The Planning Board may allow no more than 20% of the total number of principal structures to be double-unit dwellings. These units shall be designated on the plan and in restrictions in the deeds of each separate property.

(4) The development tract for which an OSCD development is proposed shall be in single ownership or control at the time of application and shall not be less than the minimum size as specified in §145-55 of this chapter.

(5) An OSCD development shall only be permitted on a tract of land which has access to and will be connected to a public sewer, or where the percolation rates for the areas in which the on-site subsurface sewage disposal systems are to be located meet state Environmental Code (Title V 310 CMR 15.211) and Belchertown Board of Health requirements.

(6) In determining the allowed number of lots, fractions over 1/2 may be increased to the nearest whole unit, and fractions under 1/2 shall be decreased to the nearest whole unit.

B. Density. The maximum number of dwelling units for an OSCD shall be determined by use of a yield plan, which is a conceptual plan showing how the parcel could be subdivided in a conventional manner. Determination of the possible number of conventional lots shall be determined by Title V regulations, 310 CMR 15.000, as well as the Belchertown Board of Health regulations. In no case shall the number of OSCD dwelling units exceed the number of units that would be allowed under a conventional subdivision. There shall be no further subdivision of an approved OSCD.

(1) For any tract with access to public sewers, the minimum lot size for a OSCD development shall be 15,000 square feet per lot. The Planning Board may waive this requirement when it serves the purposes of this bylaw.

(2) For any tract without access to public sewers, the minimum lot size for an OSCD development shall be 30,000 square feet per lot. The Planning Board may waive this requirement when it serves the purposes of this bylaw (refer to section 145-57.c.(c)).

(3) For those OSCD developments that do not have access to public sewers, the following standards shall apply to developments requiring on-site sewage disposal:

   (a) The applicant shall submit a conceptual design showing suitable area per lot for a septic system design prepared by a certified engineer and approved by the Board of Health as well as a plan illustrating the location of water supply wells with the application. Such conceptual plan must also demonstrate a reserve area for a back-up well and a back-up septic system.

   (b) All OSCD developments must meet the minimum state Environmental Code (Title V) requirements for minimum setbacks between private water supply wells and septic tanks or soil absorption systems (310 CMR 15.211).

(c) All OSCD developments must meet the minimum state Environmental Code (Title V) requirements for nitrogen loading limitations (310 CMR 15.214-15.217). For OSCDs with individual lot sizes less than 40,000 square feet, applicants must meet the following standards:

[1] Applicants must designate, on a plan, specific areas as "nitrogen credit land", based on the following equation:

(40,000 square feet x number of OSCD lots) – (total square feet in proposed OSRD lots) = square feet of required nitrogen credit land

Basic Example: (40,000 x 15) – (15 x 30,000) = 150,000 s.f.

Unit Example:	Number of Units	Square Feet per lot per Unit	Number of Bedrooms per Unit	Estimated lot size required per bedroom for septic loading*	Estimated lot size required for septic loading	Estimated Required Total Lot Size	Total Required Nitrogen Credit Land (in s.f.)
Single	8	30,000	3	10,000	30,000	240,000	80,000
Duplex	2	30,000	2	10,000	40,000	80,000	n/a
Total	10	300,000	32	n/a	n/a	320,000	80,000

*actual septic requirements may vary according to site specific details including, but not limited to, soils and topography.

[2] Nitrogen credit land must meet DEP qualifications contained in "Guidelines for Title 5 Aggregation of Flows and Nitrogen Loading 310CMR15.216" including, but not limited, to the following qualifications:

- Must be restricted to prohibit man-made sources of nitrogen, including sewage discharge, nitrogen-based fertilizer or raising and grazing of livestock;
- Must be restricted to prohibit artificially rendered imperviousness (i.e. paved streets, paved parking lots, buildings, structures, étc.);
- Not within a Velocity Zone or Regulatory Floodway identified by FEMA;
- Not under surface water;
- Not already being used as nitrogen credit land.

[3] All designated nitrogen credit land must be permanently restricted from further development under a "Grant of Title 5 Nitrogen Loading Restriction and Easement on Nitrogen Credit Land".

After approval of the OSCD development plans, applicants must apply to the Board of Health and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for an aggregate determination of nitrogen loading under 310 CMR 15.216.

(d) It is required that septic tanks be installed on individually-owned lots. Nitrogen Credit Land must be at least 100 feet from all private wells.

Section 145-55. Dimensional standards.

See the Table of Open Space Community Development Dimensional Standards.

Town of Belchertown
Open Space Community Development Dimensional Standards

Zoning District	Minimum Parcel Size(acres)	Minimum Lot Size (square feet)	Minimum Open Space per Lot (square feet)	Minimum Lot Frontage	Minimum Setback			Maximum Lot Cover	Maximum Building Height (stories)	Minimum Lot Width (feet)	Dwelling Unit Distribution	Maximum Units per Building
					Front	Rear	Side					
Ag-A, Ag-B and VR on sewer	10	15,000	15,000	85/60[1]	20	30	15/0[2]	20%	2	85 [3]	20% of two-family dwelling units maximum[4]	2
Ag-A and Ag-B off sewer	20	30,000	30,000	85/60[1]	20	30	15/0[2]	20%	2	85 [3]	20% of two-family dwelling units maximum[4]	2

NOTES:

1. Each lot shall have a minimum of85 feet on a public or private way, except that a lot on a curve or culde-sac may have frontage on not less than 60 feet, provided that the distance between side lot lines at the minimum front yard setback of 20 feet is at least 85 feet.
2. Single-family dwelling unit, detached: fifteen-foot setback; single-family dwelling unit, attached: zero-foot setback allowed; two-family dwelling unit, detached: fifteen-foot setback; two-family dwelling unit, attached: not allowed.
3. Measured from side yard to side yard(between front yard setback and rear lot line).
4. No more than 20% of the principal structures shall be two-family dwelling units.

Section 145-56. Open space land.

A. All open space land as required shall either:

(1) Be conveyed to the Town of Belchertown and be accepted by it for open space; or
(2) Be conveyed to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and related activities; or
(3) Be conveyed to an organization owned or controlled, or to be owned or controlled, by the owners of lots or residential units within the development. If such a corporation or trust is designated, as indicated herein, ownership shall pass with conveyance of the lots or residential units.

Further subdivision of open space land or its use other than for recreation, conservation, forest or agriculture, except for easements for underground utilities or drinking water supply wells, shall be prohibited. A deed restriction to this effect, approved by the Planning Board, shall be recorded prior to sale or development of any lots within the OSCD.

B. Under the second or third ownership alternatives listed above, a restriction enforceable by the Town of Belchertown shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state, including recreational, agricultural, or forestry uses, and not be built upon for residential uses or developed for accessory uses, such as parking or roadway.

C. The location, size, and shape of open space shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board. However, the minimum open space requirement for an OSCD shall be thirty-five (35) percent of the total tract area.

D. The Planning Board will make the final determination of the composition of the common usable open space; this common usable open space may include wetlands, floodplain land, and slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent. However, no more than fifteen (15) percent of the required open space shall be composed of wetlands, surface waters, flood plains, or areas with unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent. The applicant has the burden of demonstrating that the composition of the proposed open space and its location further the purposes of the Open Space Community Development. At its discretion the planning board may allow a higher percentage of the required open space to be composed of no greater than fifty (50) percent wetlands, surface waters, flood plains, or areas with unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent.

E. Notwithstanding §145-55 of this chapter (Dimensional Standards), the Planning Board may permit the following to occur within the designated open space land:

(1) Subject to approval of the Board of Health, as otherwise required by law, the Planning Board may permit the open space land to be used for subsurface waste disposal where the Planning Board finds that such use will not be detrimental to the character, quality or use of the open space land, such use to be recorded in the deeds of the lots affected.

(2) Up to 10 % of the open space may be set apart and designated as such to allow for the construction of structures and facilities accessory thereto designed for agricultural, forestry, or recreational purposes.

Section 145-57. Administration.

A. Relation to Subdivision Control Law. To facilitate timely processing, promote better communication, and avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit a preliminary subdivision plan. This plan should include alternative OSCD designs; a yield plan must be included.

B. Submission requirements.

(1) Each OSCD application and plan shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements for described in the Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown.

(2) Each OSCD application and plan shall provide the following additional information:

(a) The location and acreage of areas to be devoted to specific uses.

(b) The proposed location of parks, open spaces, and other public and community use.

(c) Developments on municipal sewer systems: written approval certifying tie-in to municipal sewage from the Belchertown Department of Public Works.

(d) On-site septic development: a sanitary sewage feasibility report certified by a registered professional civil engineer licensed in Massachusetts. The purpose of the report is to evaluate the feasibility of the ground for subsurface disposal of septic tank effluents, based on soil characteristics and test borings, water table, natural drainage patterns and other observations by the engineer.

[1] The report shall take into consideration the following factors: location of deep holes, to be shown on an appropriate map; topographic and ground level conditions; natural drainage patterns; flood heights of nearby waterways; underlying soil characteristics, absorption qualities, maximum groundwater elevations and distances to bedrock; and locations and dimensions of abutting off-site sewage disposal systems if within 100 feet of property lines to be shown on an appropriate map.

[2] The report shall contain a statement by the civil engineer of why the septic system design and location is the most suitable of considered alternatives for on-site sanitary sewage disposal systems as indicated in Title V, the State Environmental Code. The Belchertown Board of Health has final jurisdiction over all on-site septic systems.

(e) The organization the applicant proposes to own and maintain the open space land.

(f) Draft copies of all proposed covenants, agreements, and other restrictions that the applicant proposes.

(g) Proposed gross density of entire development tract, amount of open space required, and amount of open space retained.

(h) A yield plan shall also be provided showing the number of potential lots that could be created and built upon for residential purposes via a conventional residential subdivision.

(i) Any and all other information from the definitive subdivision regulations of the Town of Belchertown that the Planning Board may require to assist in determining whether the proposed OSCD meets the objectives and standards as set forth in this article.

C. Waivers

(1) The Planning Board may grant a waiver of roadway and dimensional standards as provided for in the Town of Belchertown's Subdivision Regulations

(2) The Planning Board may grant waivers from side, front and rear yard setbacks when it is necessary to promote maximum design flexibility for the purposes of this Article.

(3) The Planning Board may grant waivers from minimum lot size requirements established in 145-54 B. 1, provided there is a corresponding increase in the amount of preserved open space over and above the thirty-five percent (35%) threshold established in this bylaw.

(4) The Planning Board may grant a waiver to permit a community septic system or community well, provided that the final design complies with Title V regulations and is approved by the Board of Health.

D. Design Flexibility

(1) At its discretion the Planning Board may allow a higher percentage of the required open space to be composed of no greater than fifty (50) percent wetlands, surface waters, flood plains, or areas with unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent.

(2) At its discretion the Planning Board may allow up to fifty (50) percent of the total parcel to be preserved as open space, provided it is in keeping with the purposes of this bylaw.

E. Review and approval process

After notice and public hearing in accordance with MGL c. 41, §81T, as amended, the Planning Board may, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Town Engineer, and other reviewing offices, may grant OSCD subdivision approval provided that the conditions and standards of this article have been adequately met.

F. Fees

(1) The fees are the same as any other subdivision.

(2) The applicant shall pay for such outside consultant review as the Planning Board may deem necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to engineering review and legal review, and the public hearing advertisement.

Section 145-58. Amendments; recording of plan; covenant.

Prior to the development or sale of any lot within an OSCD, a covenant or other instrument satisfactory to the Planning Board shall have been executed assuring the open space land or the recreational use of lands so designated in the application.

Section 145-59. Severability.

Determination that any specific portion of this Article XI is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3 vote Yes)

Article 21 Voted to accept the following named way within the Town of Belchertown as a public way: Emily Lane as shown on a “Definitive Subdivision Plan” known as “Pinewood Estates/Emily Lane Subdivision and provided by Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering, dated December3, 2003, revisions dated February 18, 2004, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 200, Pages 42-48, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the necessary easements in the subject way and all related drainage easements. (Endorsed by Planning Board Yes)

(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to accept the following named way within the Town of Belchertown as a public way: Pheasant Run as shown on a “Definitive Subdivision Plan” known as “Pheasant Run” and provided by Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering, dated April 30, 2004 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 201, Pages 27-29, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the necessary easements in the subject way and all related drainage easements. (Endorsed by Planning Board Yes)

(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate the Board or Officer to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as defined by MGL Chapter 82A, §4 and 520 CMR 14.00.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate $800,000 to pay costs of the Jackson Street Sewer Interceptor Project, which amount shall be in addition to the amount previously appropriated for this purpose by voted of the Town under Article 24 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriation was intended to pay costs of replacing the BSS/Jackson Street sewer, so called, of Town, being more formally known as the BSS/Jackson Street Sewer Interceptor as shown on a plan entitled Proposed Conceptual Sewer Layout, Former Belchertown State School Sewer Evaluation Study, Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared in October 2003, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed by 2/3 vote Yes)

Article 25 Voted to adopt a new fee scheduled for the Town Clerk's fees in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 262, Section 34, as follows:

- For furnishing certified copies of death, birth, or marriage records: $8.00
- For filing a certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his real name: $20.00
- For filing marriage intentions in order to procure a marriage certificate: $20.00
- For issuing a raffle permit: $15.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to adopt a new fee scheduled for the Town Clerk's fees in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 262, Section 34 and MGL Chapter 148, Section 13, as follows:

• For issuing a fuel permit	(up to 5,000 gallons):	$25.00
	(5,001 to 10,000 gallons):	$50.00
	(10,001 to 30,000 gallons):	$100.00
	(more than 30,000 gallons)	$200.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 27 The Dog Control By-Law Review Committee wanted more time to study this article and made a motion to *Take No Action* to amend the Dog Control By-Law, Chapter 15 of the Code of Belchertown.

(Vote – Majority Yes to *Take No Action*)

Article 28 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate said sale of the Meadow Building and further authorize the Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this sale. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 29 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate said sale of the former Highway Garage and further authorize the Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this sale. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 30 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $14,000.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY2009; and further, that the Town reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- $28,200.00 from FY 2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- $28,200.00 from FY 2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- $28,200.00 from FY 2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

(Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 31 Voted to appropriate and transfer $25,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the creation of a Cold Spring School Playground, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Cold Spring Swift River PTO, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the School Department and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which the funds may be spent. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 32 Voted to appropriate and transfer $33,055.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the for completion of sports fields at Constantino Field, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department, with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 33 Voted to appropriate and transfer $5,760.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve for fencing and protection of the historic Hillcrest Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 34 Voted to appropriate and transfer $32,100.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve for gate and stone wall repair and protection of the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 35 Voted to appropriate and transfer $55,305.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the preservation of the Belchertown High School Athletic Fields, to include construction of an irrigation system for such fields. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 36 Voted to appropriate and transfer $5,425.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve and $7,400.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of restoring, rehabilitating, and protecting the south-facing stained glass window at the Clapp Memorial Library pursuant to a grant agreement with the Clapp Memorial Library Trustees, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 37 Voted to appropriate and transfer $13,692.00 from The Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the purpose of replacing window shutters at the Stone House Museum pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown Historical Association; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 38 Voted to appropriate and transfer $3,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of preserving the recreational area located along the Swift River, north of Depot Street, including, without limitation, preparing a tier classification site study, pursuant to a grant agreement with to the Belchertown Land Trust Inc.; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by CPA Committee Unanimous Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 39 Voted to appropriate and transfer $8,863.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of preserving open space and recreational land, specifically Lakes Arcadia, Holland, and Metacomet, including, without limitation, preparing a quality assurance project plan, an environmental guidance manual, and training of participants for water sampling, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Tri-Lakes Watershed Association; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by CPA Committee 7-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 40 **CITIZEN PETITION**:

Voted for a non-binding resolution to preserve a portion of Parcel B, which contains approximately 35 acres, and includes Foley Field, Lake Wallace and surrounding walking trails, for both active and passive recreation for town resident use.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 41 **CITIZEN PETITION**:

Voted to *Take No Action* on a non-binding resolution to preserve a portion of Parcel B, which contains approximately 35 acres, and includes Hodgen Field, Lake Wallace and surrounding walking trails, for both active and passive recreation for town resident use.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes to *Take No Action*)

Article 42 **CITIZEN PETITION:**

Voted in support of this citizens petition.

"That as citizens of the Town of Belchertown we must address the issues of Global Climate change at a local level. That Belchertown is a part of the greater community and has a responsibility towards reducing energy use and encouraging sustainable energy practices. Specifically, we the undersign request that the Town of Belchertown shall become signator to the Pioneer Valley Clean Energy Plan (The Plan) and act upon the goals as appropriate for the Town of Belchertown. We understand that as signators to The Plan the town of Belchertown incurs no direct or indirect obligations other than to consider the energy usage, and environmental impact prior to any actions taken."

After lengthy discussion Eric Weiss made a motion to move the previous question.

(Vote – 2/3/ required – Passed by 2/3 Vote)

The vote on Article 42 was then taken.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2008
FY09

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	NONE				
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving Court Tax cases	**$100.00**	100.00		
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**30,000.00**	30,000.00		
6	None				
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**5,000.00**			5,000.00 (from Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct. to Cemetery Lot Development Acct)
8	None				
	Itemized Budget				
9	**GENERAL GOVERNMENT** (Total)	**1,538,634.00**			
	1. Moderator, Salary		25.00		
	Expenses		0		
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00		
	Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		5,966.00		
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		87,544.00		
	Wages		92,963.00		
	Expenses		8,029.00		
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		60,495.00		
	Wages		93,805.00		
	Expenses		24,000.00		
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		44,532.00		
	Wages		50,866.00		
	Expenses		11,116.00		
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		60,495.00		
	Wages		144,818.00		
	Expenses		66,200.00		
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		65,128.00		
	Wages		35,850.00		
	Expenses		113,925.00		
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00		
	Assessor (Salary)		58,705.00		
	Wages		180,207.00		
	Expenses		22,400.00		
	Field Review Update		0		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00		
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0		
	Expenses		250.00		
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00		
	Wages		16,000.00		
	Expenses		15,993.00		
	12. Planning Board, Salary		61,594.00		
	Wages		26,405.00		
	Expenses		4,890.00		
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00		
	Expenses		695.00		
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		150.00		
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00		
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00		
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		500.00		
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		43,323.00		12,000.00 (from the Wetlands Hearing Acct)
	Wages		14,890.00		
	Expenses		3,375.00		
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	**2,921,203.00**			
	19. Police Department, Salary		142,406.00		
	Wages		1,372,478.00		
	Expenses		274,569.00		
	20. Emergency Medical Services, Salary				62,221 (from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Acct.)
	Wages		90,911.00		322,779 (from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Acct.)
	Expenses		127,070.00		
	21. Fire Department, Salary		69,509.00		
	Full Time Wages		85,876.00		
	Wages		72,100.00		
	Expenses		97,157.00		
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00		
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		23,515.00		
	24. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		18,717.00		
	Salary, (Asst. Dog Officer)		3,600.00		
	Wages		6,119.00		
	Expenses		8,628.00		
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		57,764.00		
	Wages		62,084.00		
	Expenses		14,180.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	26. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		1,170.00		
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	**24,160,131.00**			
	27. Town School Department				
	Foundation Spending		22,728,131.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,432,000.00		
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District	**876,256.00**			
	Net Budget		876,256.00		
	DPW – Highways	**1,240,148.00**			
	29. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary		70,098.00		
	Wages		592,485.00		
	Uniforms		10,750.00		
	Expenses		750.00		
	30. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		9,200.00		
	DPW – Highways (cont'd)				
	31. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		169,000.00		
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		122,750.00		
	33. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		103,500.00		
	34. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		36,200.00		
	35. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		76,500.00		
	36. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		17,000.00		
	37. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		31,915.00		
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL				
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	**326,847.00**			
	Wages				27,047.00 (Landfill Enterprise Free cash) 58,493.00 (Landfill receipts)
	Expenses				241,307.00 (Landfill receipts)
	Hazardous Waste Day				
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	**1,610,551.00**			
	Wages		67,187.00		142,607.00 (Sewer Enterprise free cash)
	Expenses				514,661.00 (Sewer Receipts)

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	Maturing Debt				674,954.00 (Sewer Receipts)
	Maturing Debt Interest		121,701.00		89,441.00 (Sewer Receipt)
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**663,079.00**			
	40. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00		
	Wages		3,432.00		
	Expenses		11,075.00		
	41. Council on Aging, Salary		54,086.00		
	Wages		311,446.00		
	Expenses		31,780.00		
	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		37,500.00		
	Agent Expenses		2,500.00		
	Veterans Benefits		179,400.00		
	43. Veterans Graves, Expenses		1,150.00		
	44. DPW – Cemetery Department Wages		0		
	Expenses		27,785.00		
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00		
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	**688,604.00**			
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		63,930.00		
	Wages		223,094.00		
	Expenses		90,985.00		
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary		54,092.00		
	Wages		170,701.00		
	Expenses		10,137.00		
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		35,540.00		
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		3,100.00		
	50. Teen Center, Wages		31,600.00		
	Expenses		2,425.00		
	51. Family Center, Expenses		3,000.00		
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**694,153.00**			
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		326,960.00		
	Expenses		52,818.00		
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		62,150.00		
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – cont'd				
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		2,750.00		
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		7,900.00		
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		11,100.00		
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		47,100.00		
	59. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		34,000.00		
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		52,300.00		
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		13,550.00		
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		31,500.00		
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		3,000.00		
	64. DPW-Fire Station., Expenses		38,575.00		
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,000.00		
	66. DPW-Tagell/MEME Space, Expenses		8,850.00		
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	**2,848,844.00**			
	67. General insurance, Expense		298,859.00		
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		903,000.00		
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,400.00		
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		75,000.00		
	73. Pensions, Expenses		1,547,585.00		
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	**58,373.00**			
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00		
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00		
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00		
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		4,000.00		
	78. Unclassified Account, Expenses		53,225.00		
	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT (Total)	**3,718,159.00**			
	79. Interest, Expenses		1,334,283.00		
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,383,876.00		
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (Total)				
	81.Council of Government,	**10,000.00**	10,000.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
10-23	None				
24	Jackson Street Sewer Interceptor Project	**800,000.00**		800,000.00	
25-29	None				
30	Community Preservation Admin Expense	**14,000.00**			14,000.00 (Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues)
	Community Preservation Fund – Open Space	**28,200.00**			28,200.00 (FY09 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues)
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic District	**28,200.00**			28,200.00 (FY09 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues)
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	**28,200.00**			28,200.00 (FY09 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues)
31	CPA – Cold Spring School Playground	**25,000.00**			25,000.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
32	CPA - Costantino Field	**33,055.00**			33,055.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
33	CPA – Hillcrest Cemetery	**5,760.00**			5,760.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
34	CPA – Mt. Hope Cemetery	**32,100.00**			32,100.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
35	CPA – BHS Athletic Fields	**55,305.00**			55,305.00 CPA Fund estimated annual revenues
36	CPA – Clapp Memorial Library	**12,825.00**			5,425.00 CPA Historic Resources Reserve & 7,400.00 CPA estimated annual revenues
37	CPA – Stone House Museum	**13,692.00**			13,692.00 CPA Historic Resources Reserve
38	CPA – Belchertown Land Trust	**3,000.00**			3,000.00 CPA estimated annual revenues
39	CPA – Arcadia, Holland & Metacomet Lakes	**8,863.00**			8,863.00 CPA estimated annual revenues
40-42	None				
TOTAL		**42,478,282.00**	**39,239,572.00**	**800,000.00**	**2,438,710.00**

Attest:

William R. Barnett
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Presidential Primary
February 5, 2008

DEMOCRAT			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Presidential Preference	John R. Edwards		7	6	6	4	23
(Vote for One)	Hillary Clinton		313	363	417	336	1429
	Joseph R. Biden, Jr.		1	0	0	0	1
	Christopher J. Dodd		1	1	1	0	3
	Mike Gravel		0	2	1	1	4
	Barack Obama		306	257	238	347	1148
	Dennis J. Kucinich		4	1	2	5	12
	Bill Richardson		0	1	1	0	2
	No Preference		4	4	3	0	11
	Blanks		1	0	1	0	2
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	2	0	3
	Total		637	636	672	693	2638
State Committee Man		*Prec. A & D*	**A**			**D**	
(Vote for One)	William R. Rosen		437			444	881
	Blanks		200			248	448
	Sundry Write-ins		0			1	1
	Total		637			693	1330
State Committee Man		*Prec. B & C*		**B**	**C**		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			633	664		1297
	Sundry Write-ins			3	8		11
	Total			636	672		1308
State Committee Woman		*Prec. A & D*	**A**			**D**	
(Vote for One)	Janet Sinclair		442			446	888
	Blanks		195			246	441
	Sundry Write-ins		0			1	1
	Total		637			693	1330
State Committee Woman		*Prec. B & C*		**B**	**C**		**TOTAL**
(Vote for One)	Marygail B. Cokkinias			75	75		150
	Irene Marie Kimball			349	358		707
	Blanks			211	238		449
	Sundry Write-ins			1	1		2
	Total			636	672		1308
Town Committee	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	Group		250	287	250	279	1066
	Blanks		387	349	387	414	1537
	Total		637	636	637	693	2603

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Town Committee			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
(Vote for no more than 35)	Linda E. Barron		389	401	382	408	1580
	Madeline Casey		293	320	273	316	1202
	Karen A. Chrisman		276	303	266	308	1153
	Edwina J. Cruise		273	302	257	310	1142
	Kenneth E. Elstein		284	307	267	323	1181
	Simon R. James		279	320	277	299	1175
	Elizabeth L. Loughran		284	310	268	313	1175
	Francis P. Loftus		299	341	325	323	1288
	Robert J. Rizzo		304	338	287	311	1240
	Darlene W. Sliwa		296	338	290	305	1229
	Frances Martin Johnson South		273	304	266	314	1157
	Gail L. Gramarossa		299	317	286	325	1227
	Clifford A. McCarthy		306	325	298	329	1258
	Blanks		18437	18032	19775	20056	76300
	Sundry Write-ins		3	12	3	15	33
		Total	22295	22270	23520	24255	92340
REPUBLICAN				**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Presidential Preference	John McCain		115	119	132	80	446
(Vote for One)	Fred Thompson		0	0	2	0	2
	Tom Tancredo		0	0	0	0	0
	Duncan Hunter		0	0	0	1	1
	Mike Huckabee		16	19	16	25	76
	Mitt Romney		102	88	136	67	393
	Ron Paul		12	10	9	6	37
	Rudy Giuliani		1	1	1	0	3
	No Preference		2	2	1	1	6
	Blanks		1	2	1	1	5
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	2	0	3
		Total	249	242	300	181	972
State Committee Man		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Isaac James Mass		123			101	224
	Blanks		125			80	205
	Sundry Write-ins		1			0	1
		Total	249			181	430
State Committee Man		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Ronald M Hastie			140	169		309
	Blanks			101	130		231
	Sundry Write-ins			1	1		2
		Total		242	300		542
State Committee Woman		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	0
(Vote for One)	Blanks		248			180	428
	Sundry Write-ins		1			1	2
		Total	249			181	430

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State Committee Woman		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Catherine W. Labine			139	173		
	Blanks			101	127		228
	Sundry Write-ins			2	0		2
	Total			242	300		662
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Town Committee	Group		104	95	67	67	333
	Blanks		145	146	114	114	519
	Total		249	483	481	181	1514
Town Committee	Edward T. Knight		116	117	156	89	478
(Vote for no more than 35)	Marycatherine Knight		116	109	138	77	440
	Marcel F. Archambault		117	110	148	87	462
	Jeanne D. Paradise		115	106	133	85	439
	Richard G. Barry		123	120	141	79	463
	Gerald A Grasso		127	130	153	85	495
	Kathleen E. Grasso		113	110	137	82	442
	William R. Barnett		134	126	151	91	502
	F. Knowlton Utley		110	112	139	86	447
	Raymond J. Janke, III		119	106	136	83	444
	Cynthia J. Janke		115	104	135	89	443
	Blanks		7410	7183	89282	5406	109281
	Sundry Write-ins		0	3	29	6	38
	Total		7410	7186	89311	5412	109319
GREEN-RAINBOW			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Presidential Preference	Jared Ball		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Ralph Nader		1	0	0	5	6
	Elaine Brown		0	0	0	0	0
	Kat Swift		1	0	0	0	1
	Cynthia McKinney		0	0	0	1	1
	Kent Mesplay		0	0	0	0	0
	No Preference		0	0	0	0	0
	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		2	0	0	6	8
State Committee Man		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		2			6	8
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		2			6	8
State Committee Man		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0		
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		
	Total			0	0		

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State Committee Woman		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		2			6	8
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		2			6	8
State Committee Woman		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)				0	0		
	Blanks			0	0		
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		
	Total			0	0		
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Town Committee	Martina Robinson		1	0	0	0	1
(Vote for 10)	Blanks		19	0	0	60	79
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		20	0	0	60	80
WORKING FAMILIES				**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Presidential Preference	No Preference		0	0	0	0	0
Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
State Committee Man		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0			0	
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	
	Total		0			0	0
State Committee Man		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0		
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		
	Total			0	0		0
State Committee Woman		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0			0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		0			0	0
WORKING FAMILIES				**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
State Committee Woman	Blanks	*Prec. B & C*		0	0		0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			0	0		0

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Town Committee			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
(Vote for 10)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
		PRECINCTS	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	653	698	718	691	2760
		Republican	305	361	401	243	1310
		Green-Rainbow	8	2	2	20	32
		Working Families	0	2	3	2	7
		Unenrolled	1186	1345	1364	1179	5074
		All Others	3	13	14	15	45
		TOTALS	2155	2421	2502	2150	9228
	Voted on 2/5/2008	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	(39.2% Voted)	Democrat	637	636	672	693	2638
		Republican	249	242	300	181	972
		Green-Rainbow	2	0	0	6	8
		Working Families	0	0	0	0	0
		TOTALS	**888**	**878**	**972**	**880**	**3618**
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							

Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election
May 19, 2008

	*Denotes Elected						
OFFICE	**NAME**	**PRECINCT**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Moderator	*Terry Scott Nagel		108	92	145	89	434
3 year	Sundry Writeins		1	0	0	1	2
Vote for one		Blanks	23	29	31	28	111
		Total	132	121	176	118	547
Board of Selectmen	*James A. Barry		95	77	110	82	364
3 years	Alan C. Page		34	38	61	31	164
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		1	3	1	2	7
		Blank	2	3	4	3	12
		Total	132	121	176	118	547
School Committee	*Linda J. Tsoumas		103	94	141	75	413
3 years	*Eric L. Weiss		100	87	132	85	404
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		0	0	1		1
		Blanks	61	61	78	76	276
		Total	264	242	352	236	1094
Planning Board	*Louis A. Faassen		85	78	134	78	375
5 years	Sundry Writeins		2	1	0	0	3
Vote for one		Blank	45	42	42	40	169
		Total	132	121	176	118	547
Housing Authority	George Dion		0	0	2	0	2
5 years	*John E. Taras		2	0	2	2	6
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		5	2	7	4	18
		Blank	125	119	165	112	521
		Total	132	121	176	118	547
Board of Assessors	*Thomas A. Barry		84	78	139	69	370
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0	1	0	1	2
Vote for one		Blank	48	42	37	48	175
		Total	132	121	176	118	547
Board of Health	*Sean J. Cleary		92	71	96	78	337
3 years	Kenneth D. Nolan		37	42	62	39	180
Vote for two	*Robert B. Hutchinson		69	76	132	65	342
	Sundry Writeins		3	1	0	1	5
		Blank	63	52	62	53	230
		Total	264	242	352	236	1094
Councilor-Hampshire	*Kenneth E. Elstein		94	82	115	88	379
Council of Governments	*Donald L. Minney		91	86	127	79	383
2 years	Sundry Writeins		0	1	0	2	3
Vote for two		Blank	79	73	110	67	329
		Total	264	242	352	236	1094

Belchertown, MA
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May 19, 2008

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	616	693	720	670	2699
	Republican	295	355	392	232	1274
	Green-Rainbow	8	2	3	16	29
	Working Families	1	5	3	2	11
	Unenrolled	1158	1345	1371	1136	5010
	Other	2	13	11	12	38
	Total	2080	2413	2500	2068	9061
	Vote Cast on 5/15/06	132	121	176	118	547
	6.04%					
Attest:						
William R. Barnett						
Town Clerk						

State Primary
September 16, 2008

DEMOCRAT			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	John F. Kerry		112	82	112	99	405
(Vote for One)	Edward J. O'Reilly		23	23	54	41	141
	Blanks		0	0	2	0	2
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		135	105	168	140	548
Representative in Congress	John W. Olver		117	82	135	115	449
(Vote for One)	Robert A. Feuer		14	21	29	25	89
	Blanks		4	2	4	0	10
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		135	105	168	140	548
Councillor	Thomas T. Merrigan		100	81	118	102	401
(Vote for One)	Blanks		32	24	50	38	144
	Sundry Write-ins		3	0	0	0	3
	Total		135	105	168	140	548
		Prec. A & D	A			D	
Senator in General Court	Stanley C. Rosenberg		114			123	237
(Vote for One)	Blanks		21			16	37
	Sundry Write-ins		0			1	1
	Total		135			140	275
		Prec. B & C		B	C		
Senator in General Court	Gail D. Candaras			84	127		211
(Vote for One)	Blanks			20	39		59
	Sundry Write-ins			1	2		3
	Total			105	168		273
Representative in General Court		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Stephen Kulik		111			114	225
(Vote for One)	Blanks		23			25	48
	Sundry Write-ins		1			1	2
	Total		135			140	275
Representative in General Court		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Thomas M. Petrolati			90	130		220
	Blanks			15	37		52
	Sundry Write-ins			0	1		1
	Total			105	168		273
			A	B	C	D	
Register of Probate	David E. Sullivan		105	82	124	103	414
(Vote for One)	Blanks		30	23	44	36	133
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	1	1
	Total		135	105	168	140	548

State Primary
September 16, 2008

REPUBLICAN			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Jeffrey K. Beatty		14	6	16	10	46
							0
	Blanks		0	1	3	0	4
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0	1
		Total	14	8	19	10	51
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Representative in Congress	Nathan A. Bech		14	6	16	10	46
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	1	3	0	4
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0	1
		Total	14	8	19	10	51
Councillor	Michael Franco		13	8	15	10	46
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	4	0	5
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	14	8	19	10	51
Senator In General Court		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Keith C. McCormic		13			10	23
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1			0	1
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
		Total	14			10	24
Senator in General Court		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			8	18		26
	Sundry Write-ins			0	1		1
		Total		8	19		27
Representative in General		*Prec. A & D*	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		13			10	23
	Sundry Write-ins		1			0	1
		Total	14			10	24
Representative in General		*Prec. B & C*		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			8	18		26
	Sundry Write-ins			0	1		1
		Total		8	19		27
			A	B	C	D	
Register of Probate							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		12	8	18	10	48
	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	1	0	3
		Total	14	8	19	10	51

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September 16, 2008

GREEN-RAINBOW				**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in Congress	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
Representative in Congress	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
Councillor	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
Senator in General Court		*Prec. A & D*	**A**			**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0			0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		0			0	0
GREEN-RAINBOW				**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**	*Prec. B & C*		**B**	**C**		**TOTAL**
Senator in General Court	Blanks			0	0		0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			0	0		0
Representative in General Court		*Prec. A & D*	**A**			**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0			0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		0			0	0
Representative in General Court		*Prec. B & C*		**B**	**C**		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0		0
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			0	0		0
Register of Probate			**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
WORKING FAMILIES				**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in Congress	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
Representative in Congress	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0

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WORKING FAMILIES			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Councillor	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
Senator in General Court		*Prec. A & D*	**A**			**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0			0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		0			0	0
Senator in General Court		*Prec. B & C*		**B**	**C**		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0		0
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			0	0		0
Representative in General Court		*Prec. A & D*	**A**			**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0			0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		0			0	0
Representative in General Court		*Prec. B & C*		**B**	**C**		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0		0
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			0	0		0
Register of Probate			**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
	Registered Voters	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	636	695	739	678	2748
		Republican	298	372	403	230	1303
		Green-Rainbow	8	2	5	16	31
		Working Families	1	5	3	4	13
		Unenrolled	1172	1351	1412	1156	5091
		Others	2	13	10	11	36
		TOTALS	2117	2438	2572	2095	9222
	Voted on 9/16/2008	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	(6% Voted)	Democrat	135	105	168	140	548
		Republican	14	8	19	10	51
		Green-Rainbow	0	0	0	0	0
		Working Families	0	0	0	0	0
		TOTALS	149	113	187	150	599
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							

State Election
November 4, 2008
Belchertown, MA

			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
President & vice President	Baldwin and Castle		2	2	2	6	12
(Vote for One)	Barr and Root		5	4	3	9	21
	McCain and Palin		616	743	859	465	2683
	McKinney and Clemente		4	5	5	10	24
	Nader and Gonzalez		29	20	26	25	100
	Obama and Biden		1109	1200	1263	1257	4829
	Hillary Clinton		0	0	6	4	10
	Blanks		9	7	15	6	37
	Sundry Write-ins		5	4	5	3	17
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
Senator in Congress							
(Vote for One)	John F. Kerry		1147	1239	1335	1251	4972
	Jeffrey K. Beatty		504	611	704	417	2236
	Robert J. Underwood		79	86	87	74	326
	Blanks		48	49	57	42	196
	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	1	1	3
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
Representative in Congress							
(Vote for One)	John W. Olver		1269	1379	1503	1348	5499
	Nathan A. Bech		458	543	607	373	1981
	Blanks		52	63	74	62	251
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	2	2
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
Councillor							
(Vote for One)	Thomas T. Merrigan		1024	1147	1182	1166	4519
	Michael Franco		504	636	725	397	2262
	Blanks		250	202	276	221	949
	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	1	1	3
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
Senator In General		Prec. A & D	A			D	
Hampshire & Franlin District	Stanley C. Rosenberg		1188			1303	2491
(Vote for One)	Keith C. McCormic		427			352	779
	Blanks		160			130	290
	Sundry Write-ins		4			0	4
	Total		1779			1785	3564
Senator In General		Prec. B & C		B	C		
1st Hampden & Hampshire	Gale D. Candaras			1477	1621		3098
District	Blanks			508	557		1065
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins			0	6		6
	Total			1985	2184		4169

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Representative in General Court		Prec. A & D	A			D	
First District	Stephen Kulik		1297			1331	2628
(Vote for One)	Blanks		477			450	927
	Sundry Write-ins		5			4	9
	Total		1779			1785	3564
Representative in General Court		Prec. B & C		B	C		
Seventh Hampden District	Thomas M Petrolati			1526	1647		3173
(Vote for One)	Blanks			459	533		992
	Sundry Write-ins			0	4		4
	Total			1985	2184		4169
Register of Probate			A	B	C	D	
Hampshire County	David E. Sullivan		1253	1453	1562	1301	5569
(Vote for one)	Blanks		522	530	619	482	2153
	Sundry Write-ins		4	2	3	2	11
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
REGIONAL Vocational Technical			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
School Committee	Judith C. Dudek		1289	1506	1609	1223	5627
Bechertown	Blanks		488	470	573	561	2092
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2	9	2	1	14
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Blanks		1772	1984	2171	1770	7697
Granby	Sundry Write-ins		7	1	13	15	36
(Vote for One)	**Total**		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Gail A. Roberts		1048	1290	1351	1029	4718
Monson	Blanks		730	692	832	754	3008
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	1	2	7
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Duncan Stewart		1012	1243	1280	990	4525
New Braintree	Blanks		766	739	904	793	3202
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	0	2	6
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	David M. Droz		1011	1253	1286	988	4538
Palmer	Blanks		768	731	898	794	3191
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	3	4
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Thomas R. Rugani		990	1230	1266	978	4464
Warren	Blanks		788	753	916	805	3262
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	2	2	2	7
	Total		1779	1985	2184	1785	7733

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			PRECINCTS				
QUESTION 1							
Do you approve of a law that would reduce		YES	385	473	464	339	1661
the state personal income tax to 2.65% for		NO	1365	1488	1685	1419	5957
all categories of taxable income for the tax year		Blanks	29	24	35	27	115
beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2009, and would		**Total**	1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on							
or after Jan. 1, 2010.							
QUESTION 2							
Do you approve a law tthat would replace criminal		YES	1219	1252	1341	1274	5086
penalties for possession of one ounce or less of		NO	527	709	805	484	2525
marijuana with a new system of civil penalties,		Blanks	33	24	38	27	122
to be enforced by issuing citations, and would		**Total**	1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
exclude information regarding this civil offense						0	
from the state's criminal record information system.							
QUESTION 3							
Do you approve a law that would prohibit any dog		YES	1230	1324	1445	1285	5284
racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where		NO	489	619	670	447	2225
any form of betting or wagering on the speed or		Blanks	60	42	69	53	224
ability of dogs occurs. The State Racing Commission		**Total**	1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
would be prohibited from accepting or approving							
any application or request for racing dates for							
dog racing.							
QUESTION 4							
Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to exempt		YES	1080	1067	1215	1102	4464
from the provisions of two and one-half, so called,		NO	641	846	883	599	2969
the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in		Blanks	58	72	86	84	300
order to pay costs of designing, renovating and		**Total**	1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
expanding Clapp Memorial Library, and for the							
payment of all other costs incidental and related							
thereto?							
	Registered Voters	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	663	714	773	727	2877
		Republican	307	378	418	240	1343
		Green-Rainbow	9	2	6	17	34
		Working Families	3	8	3	8	22
		Unenrolled	1238	1401	1482	1219	5340
		Others	2	13	9	10	34
		TOTALS	2222	2516	2691	2221	9650
	Voted on 11/4/2008	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		80% voted	1779	1985	2184	1785	7733
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							